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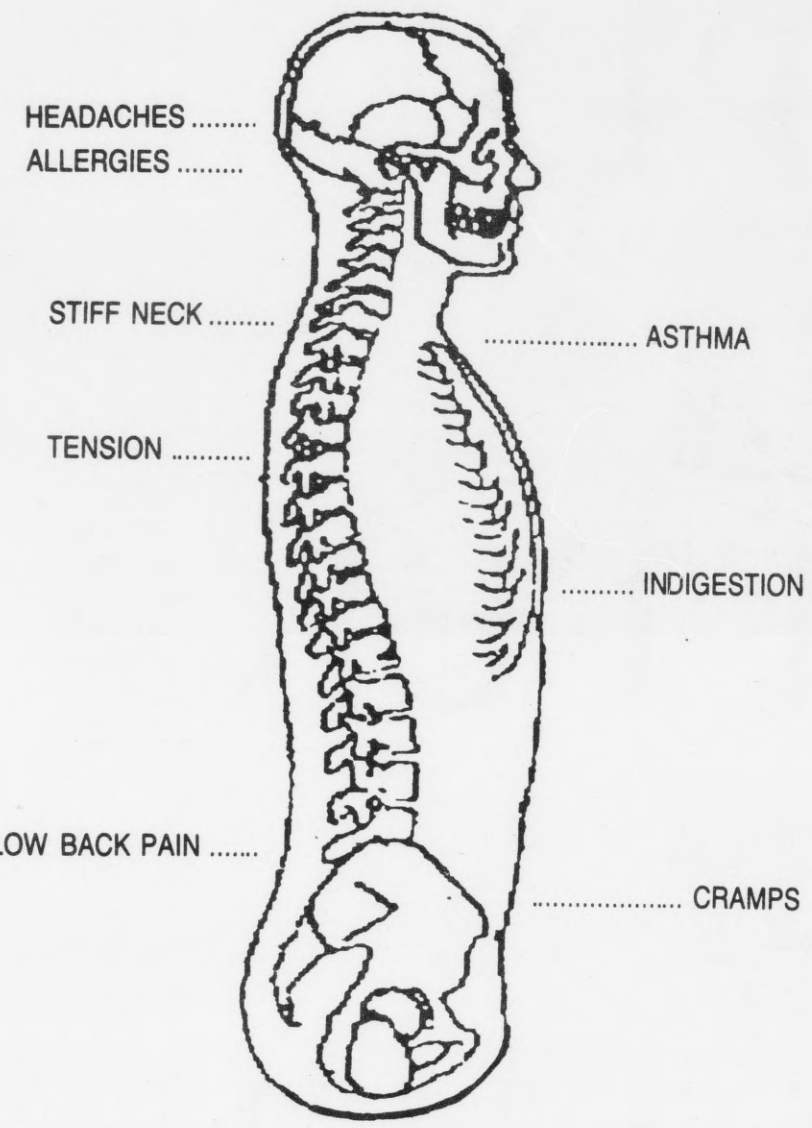

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(letters)

Lower Standards

I had respect for two local newspapers until recently: the *SF Bay Times* and *SF Weekly*. That has changed now.

Why did you allow the picture of an obnoxious drag queen (tired) on the cover of your April 22 issue?

Along with many others, I am tired of cock, butt, tits, hustler ads, S/M and drag queens dominating what are supposed to be gay newspapers covering gay issues.

Now the *SF Bay Times* seems to be lowering its standards to the level of the *B.A.R.* or *Sentinel*.

It used to be I could send a copy of the *SF Bay Times* to friends or relatives in other parts of the country to inform them about our concerns. Not anymore. Please don't do this.

J.C. Bohl
San Francisco

Educated by Dave Ford

I have been out of the closet for 13 years, but have always considered myself to be a quiet gay person. I am a check-writing liberal who has reaped all the benefits of those who have monitored the media and politics, but done little to further the fight. In short, I have been guilty of apathy.

It is only in the very recent past that I have been taught that apathy is a very dangerous thing. I have been taught that, as a gay person, I have a responsibility to myself and my community to stand tall, speak out, praise and criticize.

I have been educated in part by reading your columnist Dave Ford. I have enjoyed his courage, wit, intellect, point of view and devotion. His column has always challenged me to think and value my worth and voice as a member of the gay community.

Although I am saddened by his departure, I understand and support his choice to retire.

I only hope the *SF Bay Times* can and will be able to find another columnist who can fill the large literary shoes that Dave Ford has left behind.

Niall Yoshizumi
San Francisco

Thank You, Dave

Dear Mr. Ford... OK, if you insist, Dear Dave...

You have an apology coming. For all the times your writing made me happy and I didn't say thank you, I'm sorry. Now you've written something that makes me sad ("Write Stuff," *SF Bay Times*, April 22) and I'm complaining, without ever having said thanks for anything. Does that seem rude?

Curse me for the dog I am but never have I stopped you on the street, in a bar, at the gym or, heaven forbid, in bed, to compliment your work. Wait a minute. If in bed you heard, "Hey Dave, you're good!" How do you know it's your writing? Does this happen often? Not that it's any of my business, but you certainly are intriguing.

I've been a fan of yours since your introductory column appeared in the *SF Bay Times* and I have depended on you to be there for me every other Thursday since. On the occasions when your column was missing, I'd frantically search the list of contributors to make sure you'd be back. I should have known you wouldn't leave without saying goodbye, and yet your goodbye is so very hard to take. It's downright depressing. My first inclination is to cry, "Pookie, please don't go." However, you did make sense, as usual. After reading your last column and sitting back to think about it as a whole, I think I got your message. After all, I've been reading you long enough to be able to read you. You said you had no more to say and took up an entire column saying it. No chance of a ghost there. You made your point and I'm in no position to argue. Still, this is a very difficult parting and the question remains: What am I going to do without you? Sure, I'll look out for you at cafes and parties, I always have....

David Russ
San Francisco

100 Percent American?

There have been a few letters in the gay papers lately claiming the United States shouldn't accept HIV-positive Haitian immigrants until our homegrown problems are taken care of. (Of course no country has ever succeeded in solving all its homegrown problems.) I hope the writers of these letters are of 100 percent American Indian descent! Any other anti-immigration types can live up to their beliefs by going back to wherever their ancestors came from.

Rebecca Ripley
Stranger and Sojourner
Menlo Park, CA

Defending "Claire"

It has become very hip and cool to "hate" the first full-length lesbian feature to come along in years, *Claire of the Moon*. Our team of sophisticated lesbian critics has condemned it, so now we all know what to think of it, right? It was drummed out of the Lesbian/Gay Film Festival because of the intensity of this negative criticism.

This is very disturbing to me. I saw it twice. I find it engrossing for a number of reasons. It is a full-length lesbian feature showing two women falling in love at a retreat for women writers. I liked seeing women writers reading each other's books. I liked seeing a butch facilitate a writer's retreat. I enjoyed the gradual de-centering of Claire's bisexuality into her desire for a woman. There is no violence in this film. A lot of it is showing lesbian and straight women writers interacting on issues that I've never before seen brought to the screen.

Why is this film so hated? Because they drink and smoke a lot? Because the dialogue is supposedly stilted? This is Nicole Conn's first film. Maybe next time—if she is ever so foolhardy as to attempt another lesbian film—she will know more as a director. But lesbians should be given the opportunity to see this film and judge for themselves. I have lost interest in the film festival because there are hardly ever any full-length lesbian features. It is self-destructive for the community to be so critical of the first one that comes along. Both times I saw *Claire of the Moon*, the audience was filled with lesbians who were very involved with it. I hope the festival reconsiders showing this film.

I really wonder about the deep-seated embarrassment or insecurity this film has evoked in so many lesbians. Do we see ourselves through a lens that is so frightened and so picky that we would rather not have lesbian films? Rather not have cultural self-reflection? Did you even go see it, or did you just believe what other people told you?

Thyme Siegel
Kensington, CA

Frameline Replies

The following letter was sent in response to Thyme Siegel's letter above:

I am writing in response to your concerns about Nicole Conn's *Claire of the Moon* not being presented in Frameline's San Francisco International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival. The film was scheduled in last year's program but was withdrawn by the filmmaker.

While it's lamentable there aren't more lesbian-produced feature-length narratives, you will find a few in this year's festival, along with about 130 other lesbian films and videos from all over the world. These works range from 30-second videos to 2-hour features; from traditional 35 mm narratives to Super 8 experimental shorts.

This community supports the largest lesbian and gay film festival in the world. Your input, opinions and involvement are most appreciated and always encouraged.

Jenni Olson
Festival Co-Director

Shanti's Work

The following letter was sent to Paul Lambrose, interim director of Shanti Project:

In spite of the apparent administrative problems at Shanti, I want you to know that the important work of Shanti is still being accomplished.

My best friend of 20 years is dying of AIDS. I contacted Shanti and was matched with a fantastic volunteer, Harriet. She is familiar—unlike anyone else in my life—with the day-to-day issues of being close to someone who is dying. She has opened herself up to me and I feel I can do the same with her.

I hope recent events at the administrative level will not result in any actions that would disrupt the valuable work your organization is doing.

Pamela D. LoPinto
San Francisco

Queer—Men Only?

As to the gay day parade theme, "Year of the Queer," here's my two cents worth: Maybe it just is the "Year of the Queer"?

Speaking as a "Queer" in both of its contexts—that is, a strange person and a cocksucker—I have never heard the word "Queer" used by any heterosexual directed toward any lesbian/dyke and I doubt very much whether any lesbian/dyke has ever been called "Queer" by any heterosexual male or female.

This word has always been reserved strictly for males, as I have heard it used for over 50 years as both a civilian and a military enlisted man of six-and-a-half years service in the barracks.

Only since the formation of Queer Nation has the word "Queer" been adopted by females. I might add here that I doubt any Dykes on Bikes have been called "Queer" by any heterosexual bystander. One queer to another queer, yes, and always in jest.

Society's Eavesdropper
San Francisco

Transitionally Queer

I am writing in regard to the ongoing bantering over the use of the word "Queer" for the Freedom Day Parade. It is baffling to me that this argument is still going on, especially here in San Francisco. The word "Queer" (capitalized of course) is transitional for our community. I understand the point of view of those who remember the hateful epithets from homophobic peers. Yet it seems to me that this becomes a state of self-perpetuating fear. When I lived in Ohio I was afraid of being called queer. Now when I go home to visit, I always wear something to identify myself as "Queer." Then, when I was afraid, I was *always* called names. Now that I am queer-identified, their power over me is gone, their words only make me stronger. The fear of this word is a choice.

The word "gay" comes from 12th century French Provencal, originally meaning "one who leads a homosexual lifestyle." Over the centuries it changed to mean "happy." Perhaps that derives from "happy" homosexuals? Since we have reclaimed "gay" to define ourselves as more than "homosexuals"—to identify as a community—why is it difficult to see the transition of the word "Queer"? I for one live in fear that I will leave out someone in the midst of saying, "Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual, transgender..." not to mention running out of breath.

"The Year of the Queer" is not the "brainchild of in-your-face, self-absorbed, young gays who haven't quite grown up yet and think that everyone over 25 is an old fogey." For one, "The Year of the Queer" has been a candidate for the parade theme since 1986, which was before queer identification was even popular and puts those who suggested it then in their 30s. Most, if not all, of my friends in their 30s and even 40s identify as "Queer" and wonder why they didn't years ago.

There is enough against us, enough divisiveness, to let a word get in the way. I know getting used to saying "Queer" takes a lot of effort for some people, but it is definitely worth the effort. But, in the event that those who dislike the word hold a counter-parade, just remember it's the Queers who know how to get people's attention, so good luck.

Patrick S. Renner
San Francisco

D.C.'s Quest

On the weekend of April 25, I joined a million-plus Americans on the Mall for the March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Civil Rights. The orderly procession and eloquent speeches were rooted in the same quest for justice and dignity that were the impetus for so many other civil rights marches in years past.

In the shadow of the U.S. Capitol, the gay and bisexual men and women participants proudly petitioned for the same constitutional protections afforded to any citizen—no matter whom they love. By any measurement it was a historic occasion.

The U.S. Congress can no longer ignore demands for equality from this community and should follow the example of many local jurisdictions that are responding in many ways to protect America's gay, lesbian and bisexual sons and daughters.

The government of the District of Columbia has sought at every opportunity to extend every privilege and right available to all district residents to its lesbian and gay citizens. At every turn Congress has attempted to thwart the will of the people of this city as expressed in the council and my signature as mayor.

The District Council will pass legislation May 4 to repeal our sodomy law and I intend to sign the bill in a public ceremony. I do this because I believe that no government has the right to peer into the bedroom of any citizen and because all governments that have sodomy laws use them almost exclusively to persecute lesbian and gay citizens.

Again, the will of the people of Washington, D.C., will go before the Congress of the United States for the consideration of its members. And again, we shall be subject to the impassioned hatred of bigots from around the nation who have never set foot in this city nor know anything of its people. They, nevertheless, will call on their representatives to frustrate the aspiration of Washington's citizens.

What more eloquent plea for D.C. statehood is there than the need of this local government to protect its most maligned citizens from the capricious whims of a Congress that even exempts itself from civil rights laws?

Many more millions of Americans than those who stood on the Mall on April 25 recognize that legislation that protects gay and bisexual women and men is a matter of justice. I urge all who share this quest for justice to contact their senators and representatives to support the case of a city which, without senators or a full voting representative, is at the mercy of Congress.

Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly
Washington, D.C.

Accolades for Constantines

Accolades to my leather family! The Constantines' "500 Mile Overnighter to Reno" was a prime example of what a bike run should be. There was a bit of everything, a slice of life. Good people, beautiful scenery, adventure ("I think we're lost?"), and lots of old-fashioned fun.

Throughout it all a special bond was formed between the men, too many to mention. If you were there, you know. If you missed it, well, there's next time.

Thank you, my leather family!

Santos Rangel
Phoenix Uniform Club
Union City, CA

Lesbians With HIV at HHS

I just returned from Washington, D.C., where I was privileged to participate in a historic meeting between lesbians with HIV, their advocates, and Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala, along with a host of departmental heads under her direction. Among those in attendance were the heads of the Centers for Disease Control, National Institute of Health and the Social Security Administration.

A myriad issues were discussed dealing with the emotional, social and health needs of lesbians and women with HIV infection. In addition, the lack of research into risk behaviors for transmission of HIV between lesbians and the lack of any conclusive scientific data on what constitutes safe sex in woman-woman sexual encounters. In addition, we addressed the CDC's current policy of classifying cases of woman-to-woman transmission of HIV under "other," making it impossible to track the incidence or number of women infected through lesbian sex. Here in San Francisco the Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services knows of at least three cases of woman-to-woman infection.

In discussing the need for health care for women with HIV I was appalled and shocked to find that the Lyon-Martin Women's HIV Clinic is the only clinic in the United States offering free health care five days a week for women with HIV. In addition to health care, the clinic also has support and educational programs with outreach to lesbians and women of color. Currently almost half of the women in this program are either lesbian or bisexual.

I was very impressed by the reception we received from Secretary Shalala and most of her staff. Shalala stayed well past the time she was originally scheduled to leave and seemed reluctant to leave even then. Our 20-minute meeting ended after approximately 45 minutes with a reading of a list of ten demands and a request for a second meeting.

There will be a second meeting at a yet-to-be-named date this summer, possibly as soon as June 4. Organizers have asked me and one other HIV-positive lesbian from San Francisco to be among those at the next meeting. If you would like to help support this upcoming trip you can send donations to: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, attn. Shalala Meeting-HIV Services, 1748 Market St., Suite 201, SF 94102. All surplus funds will go to Lyon-Martin's Lesbian HIV Program.

Finally, as I mentioned before, there are cases of lesbian transmission of HIV. We are not immune from HIV infection. Unfortunately, the numbers grow daily. So please be safe.

Denise Hatfield
HIV-Positive Lesbian
San Francisco

Christianity's Triumph

As the homosexual community moves into the mainstream it should apprise itself of the history of its great adversary, Christianity.

The Christian community triumphed over pagan society by its stubborn defiance, its sacrifice, its conspiratorial nature and its silent infiltration of all the essential organs of government and the military. The Christians of the first and second centuries A.D. were mainly rude men and women governed by sacred bonds they could not speak aloud, and those who did brought on censure—not by their beliefs alone but by their refusal to relent in their condemnation of the beliefs of others. As the Roman writers of the time, Lucian and Celsus, put it, Christians put their trust not in the divinity of their religion or the miracles of its origin but in mass action, violence and vandalism.

In this path Queer Nation goes boldly and creatively, not as pioneers. The Christian fathers could not appeal to the masses of Rome by reason, for their system was crudely fashioned in terms of the philosophies of the time. As Gibbon states, "Those who condescend to mention the Christians (in the first and second centuries) consider them only as obstinate and perverse enthusiasts, who exacted an implicit submission to their mysterious doctrines, without being able to produce a single argument that could engage the attention of men of sense and learning."

The Christians fear gays in the military not for sexual reasons, but for the same reasons that brought them to power. They are the product of a society made secret by persecution and they loathe the mirror they have created in us. They fear their future because of their past.

Nikos Cathar

Not Celestial

The following letter was sent to Celestial Seasonings, Boulder, Colo.:

As a publicly elected official I am quite happy when I see a business standing up for an issue of fairness and human rights. It is wonderful to see citizens' groups, government and businesses working together so that great changes can be made.

As an openly lesbian American, I was shocked, as were millions of other gay men and lesbians, by the recent passage of Amendment 2. We saw this as an attack on our basic human rights, as did every other progressive man or woman in this country who believes that discrimination of any kind is completely intolerable.

Fortunately, there has sprung from this action of hatred a nationwide mobilization to take a stand against this blatant act of homophobia and hatred.

Part of this mobilization has been made up of Colorado-based companies that have taken a public stand on this fundamental issue of human rights. I am at this time urging Celestial Seasonings to join these other companies and take a publicly announced stand against the homophobia and hate of Amendment 2.

Hopefully Amendment 2 will soon fall and the boycott of Colorado will then end. I know that at that time millions of fans of your unique product will be eager to resume their purchases, if they feel that you had at some point spoken out against this measure.

However, I can assure you that if no such stand is taken by your company, in light of recent events, I will not be purchasing your products even after the end of the boycott. And I am certain that many others will feel the same.

Supervisor Carole Migden
San Francisco

Moved to Denver?

Attention Good Sam Club members or anyone who may have been planning to join this R.V. club: The May issue of their magazine, *Highways,* carries a small article informing members they have moved their headquarters to Denver, Colo. Bad timing! I have called and canceled my membership and urge others to do the same. The number to call for cancellation, or just to protest the move, is 1-800-234-3450.

Ray Thompson
Albany, CA

Beware of Streetcats

I am writing to alert the gay and lesbian community to a sordid fundraising scam—one of the latest to prey upon us—called "Streetcats Street Patrol." They flamboyantly lounge about in a jeep in the Castro and energetically hit people up for money, but appear to do absolutely no work nor provide any service to justify their fundraising. Apparently, they hope to be mistaken for the genuine anti-bashing patrols.

"Streetcats" is based in Los Angeles but recently began "operating" here in San Francisco. When I asked my friends in CUAV or Street Patrol about this new group, they got tight-lipped in a way that suggested they didn't have anything nice to say about the "Streetcats" and so wouldn't say anything at all.

I called both the Los Angeles and Hollywood police departments to see what they had to say about "Streetcats," in particular whether or not this group assisted in stopping bashings. Neither department had ever heard of them doing anything contructive, nor did they have any record of "Streetcats" assisting in an arrest or reporting a crime; but both reported numerous complaints from the local gay and lesbian community *against* the "Streetcats" for "aggressive solicitation"!

I see the members of CUAV, in their "safety monitor" T-shirts, helping at lots of events; and I often see "Street Patrol," in their pink berets, patrolling the Castro on weekend nights. But I've never seen or heard of "Streetcats" doing anything but trying to collect donations. To me, they look like a bunch of parasites leeching off the hard work of others.

Oswald Krantz
San Francisco

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A Simple Matter of Justice—And About Bloody Time Too!

March On Washington, April 25 (Uh-Uh, We're Not Going Away)

by Tim Kingston

"This is Queer day! This is our day! Billions of people. Billions of dollars. We are a force! We are a power! We will not fucking go back," exulted Philadelphian Lalylie Phillips as the million-plus-strong "1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Rights and Liberation" swept down Constitution Avenue. "Will they listen to us now?" the African-American woman was asked. "Can they help it?" Phillips retorted, laughing. "Can they help it?"

It *was* the perfect day, the brightest, warmest April 25 imaginable. Even before the event got under way, marchers flowed over every inch of available space—the Washington Monument Green, the Ellipse Park near the White House, most of the surrounding streets and a good portion of the grassy Mall. There was every possible permutation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, dyke, fag, bull dagger, sweater queen (in T-shirts and jeans, of course), corporate-homosexual, people of color, leather-daddy, radical fairy and homopunk that could be imagined. But you had to look hard to find all the permutations and perverts.

There were muscleboys demanding husbands, lipstick lesbians who had just gotten married and activists ACTing UP. But mostly there were hundreds of thousands of wide-eyed queers from Kansas, Utah, North Carolina and every other state. Many seemed indistinguishable from the rest of Middle America, particularly to the more jaded elements of the San Francisco contingent.

The March started at 12 noon—on the dot. But it was not until seven hours later that the last group, holding a Rainbow flag, tromped onto the Mall through the choking dust raised by a couple of million feet. In the glow of the late afternoon sun, March co-chair Billy Hileman announced the good news and bad news. The good news was the Washington Office of Emergency Preparedness said 1.1 million people were at the March. The bad news was that, true to form, the U.S. Park Service lowballed, estimating 300,000 in attendance. The boos were instantaneous: loud and angry.

Another March co-chair, Scout, had her own solution to the numbers game. She got up on stage, crying, "The Park Service says 300,000. OK, count off. From the right!"

This time, unlike 1987, most of the mainstream media reported *both* figures, as well as the dispute over attendance totals. (On April 29, after meeting with March organizers, the U.S. Department of the Interior agreed to review the procedures used by the National Park Service in estimating crowd size.) Whatever the number, Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly of Washington, D.C., declared it was the largest civil rights march ever in that city. But merely being there was more important than being a size queen about crowd totals.

Everywhere around town, pink chalk graffiti and pink spray-painted triangles reminded capital residents that, yes indeed, we were here. Gleeful buttons proclaiming "Out Is In" adorned chests and T-shirts declaring "I can't even march straight" were ubiquitous. A small band of dykes from New Haven did a brisk trade in "Hothead Paisan—Homocidal Lesbian Terrorist" T-shirts. They sold out, pronto.

Diane Dimassa, perpetrator of "Hothead," the vengeful cartoon heroine, noted with a sly smile, "Gay men get a hoot out of it—but women, they get a gleam in their eye."

The atmosphere was very different from the 1987 march. Instead of the gathering under leaden angry clouds during the Dark Ages of the Reagan/Bush Axis, this year's gathering was under a bright blue sky. It was festive, celebratory, proud, optimistic even—not desperate and angry like before. The mood, though, was laced with caution and skepticism: Will Clinton deliver the goods?

"The internal mood of the community is much more upbeat," declared Urvashi Vaid, former director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). She was cornered at Dupont Circle, the jam-packed gay mecca of Washington, D.C. "The community has really come out in terms of accepting itself. It has come out to its families. We really are more out than ever. It is less fear and more of, 'Yes, We are here.' "

CELEBRITY SLUTS

Ringed by stern-faced parade marshals with orange vests and a penchant for booting out those with inappropriate credentials, the March's lead banner was carried down Constitution Avenue by a wall of celebrities. The celebs—gay, lesbian, bi and straight— surged past the cheering throng outside the White House, and marched behind a flatbed truck full of media rats desperate for *the quote*—myself included.

Look, there's Martina Navratilova, surrounded by a protective phlanx of baby-dykes, and one queen with a large dog. No, Martina wouldn't talk—sorry girls. Is that Cybill Shepherd? Oooh, Sir Ian McKellan, the recently knighted gay British actor. And could it be Phil Donahue under that mane of white hair? Beside him—yes, Marlo Thomas. "Speak to us, Marlo," screamed the crowd. A tall, gangly besuited man turned out to be Congressmember Gerry Studds. He chuckled when approached, saying he was "pretty darn euphoric" about the day. Everyone wanted to be there—well, everyone but Bill Clinton, that is.

Merely being there was more important than being a size queen about crowd totals.

Roger McFarlane, director of Broadway Cares, a New York AIDS fundraising group, was worried by the festive atmosphere. "After 12 years of such oppressive bullshit from Reagan and Bush, the sense of hopefulness in Washington in January was just palpable. You could cut it with a knife," said McFarlane. "But I gotta tell you, I don't believe these people are our friends any more than the last ones."

David Mixner, a politically well-connected gay Democrat and FOB who criticized Clinton's backpedaling on gays in the military, disagreed with McFarlane. Mixner believes that while Clinton "has felt very awkward at times in the alliance" with gays, Clinton will ultimately back the community. "We need an AIDS czar now. I think he will sign the executive order in July. I truly believe him when he says he will." Mixner added, "The March is sending a message to this country: No matter what, no matter what the price, we are not going back."

As the March approached the staging area, veteran progressive politico Jesse Jackson appeared, with his arm in a sling. Towering regally, he told *SF Bay Times*, "The centerpiece issue here today is to affirm equal protection under the law—all American citizens. Nobody has the right to push anyone out from under the umbrella because of their persuasion, whether it is sexual or religious or political or racial." But Jackson, who has tangled with Clinton in the past, added, "What is strange today is that gays rally behind a president who ducked out of town."

Sir Ian McKellan told *SF Bay Times* that the March is an international inspiration. "Anyone from abroad will go back feeling they are ready for the fight." About half an hour after McKellan said from the stage it took him 49 years to come out, and he wished he had done it sooner, emcee Robin Tyler announced she had received a call from Lily Tomlin and Jane Wagner. They said they were proud to be part of the "community." They didn't say the "L" word, but at least the door is open.

Comedienne Lea DeLaria had her own definition of the word. "I am a BIIIIG dyke. For those of you who don't know the difference between a dyke and a lesbian—it is $30,000." DeLaria promptly introduced Urvashi Vaid as "the biggest dyke I ever knew."

TAKING THE WAR HOME—THE DISSIDENTS ON STAGE

"I am proud to stand before you as a lesbian today," boomed Vaid from the main stage, projected out on three 50-foot-tall video screens stationed down the length of the Mall. "With hearts full of love and an abiding faith in justice, we have come to Washington to speak to America." Suddenly the buzz of conversation subsided.

"We have come to speak the truth of our lives and silence the liars. We have come to challenge the cowardly Congress to end its paralysis," she

declared. "We have come to defend our honor and win our equality. But most of all we have come in peace, and with courage, to say: America, this day marks the return from exile of the gay and lesbian people. We are banished no more!" And the crowd rose to its feet in the longest and loudest standing ovation of the day.

An indication of Vaid's eloquence is that Pat Robertson's "700 Club" TV show chose her speech to highlight the horrors of the homosexual invasion of D.C. Not a surprising choice, since Vaid fried Robertson and his ilk.

"Christian supremacists," thundered Vaid, "don't care about morality. They care about POWER. They care about social control, and their goal, my friends, is the reconstruction of American democracy into American theocracy.

"Our opponents believe in monotheism, one way. Theirs. One god. Theirs. One law. The Old Testament. One nation, supreme: The Christian Right one. Let's name it. Democracy battles theism in...every state where you, my brothers and sisters, are leading the fight to oppose the Right and to defend the United State's Constitution." The crowd loved it, giving Vaid a huge ovation.

At 2:07 pm, ACT UP contingents staged die-ins all over the Mall, as Larry Kramer, daddy of ACT UP and perennial thorn in everyone's side, exploded in the only direct criticism of the Clinton presidency of the day. "Time is being pissed away just like under Reagan and Bush," grated Kramer. "Nothing is any different! What kind of inhumanity is this? This is yet another president and another health secretary who do not care about AIDS."

Despite the fact that Secretary of Health Donna Shalala recently met several HIV-positive women and other AIDS advocates, Kramer cried, "Not one single person of importance at the White House or in the entire health bureaucracy has cared enough to call Dr. Fauci and ask him, 'How is it going? What do you need to cure the plague? What can we do to help?' " Kramer yelled, "Bill the Welsher cares as much about homosexuals as Roosevelt cared for the Jews."

When Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-SF) read President Clinton's letter of support to the crowd, it was clear that emotions were mixed. A good portion of the crowd—ACT UP-types and others—stood up, angrily chanting, "Where is Bill? Where was Bill?" But most sat impassively, as one lone woman tried to shush the hecklers.

"I understand why he isn't here," said Brent Nicholson Earle of ACT UP/NY, pinpointing the ambiguity felt by many at Clinton's no-show. "I wish he was [here], but having someone read his speech is more than we have ever got before."

"It is a schizophrenic feeling," said Carmen Vazquez, veteran San Francisco health activist. "I am thrilled there is someone who acknowledges our existence. I am disappointed by his hedging in terms of leadership. He takes a stance but wants to walk away from the controversy.... Not being here is a part of that.... I understand, but this is the largest civil rights demonstration in history, and he missed an opportunity for leadership."

ARMED FORCES, OUR FORCES?

Carmen Vazquez was not the only one suffering from schizophrenia: cultural dissonance on the Mall might be a better term. Seeing a military color guard on stage at the March on Washington—in full dress uniform—and watching the crowd jump to its feet, cheering and applauding, was truly strange. In the midst of the patriotic frenzy sat a miserable-looking young woman holding aloft a poster criticizing the emphasis on gays in the military.

"The last time I was here was to oppose the [Gulf] War," said Donya Alwan. "I am half-Iraqi. It is really disturbing to find a community

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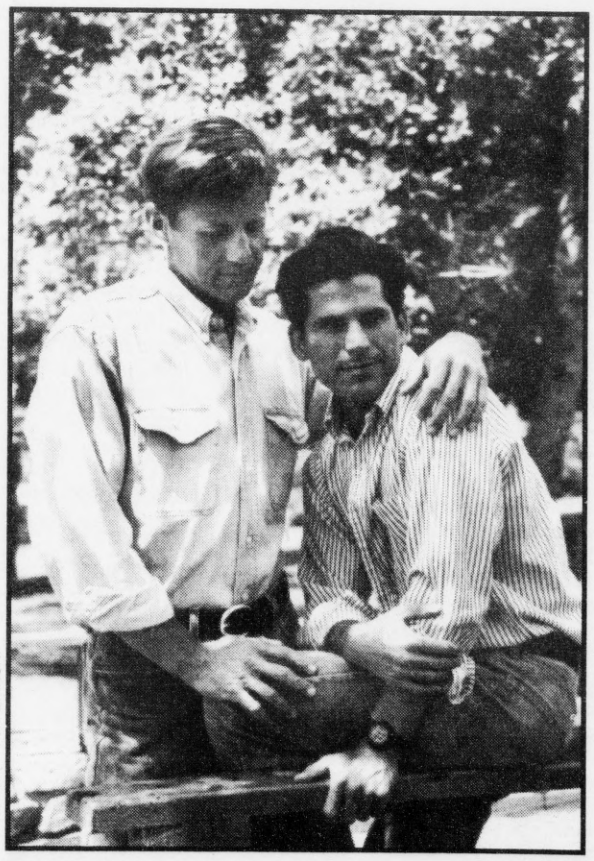

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so supportive of and embracing the military. It makes me want to cry when I hear people clapping for uniforms.'' She acknowledges that it is a civil rights issue, ''but I don't think the military is the place to start—an army is designed to kill people.''

Yet that was not the sentiment the majority of the crowd voiced. With the exception of Kramer, Vaid and other people of color, nearly every address centered on gays, lesbian and bisexuals in the military.

Paul Wellstone (D-Minn) was the only senator who appeared in person, and the only elected official not to stress the military. Congress members Pat Schroeder (D-Colo) and Gerry Studds (D-Mass), Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass), and a slew of others peppered their speeches with military references. Patricia Ireland, president of NOW, put it best—to the glee of the crowd—saying, ''It is clear to us that the reason straight men are afraid, is they are afraid they will be harassed in the same way that they have harassed women!''

''The ban needs to be lifted,'' declared Dorothy Hajdys, mother of murdered gay sailor Allen Schindler. Holding a picture of her son close to her chest, Hajdys told *SF Bay Times*, ''If the ban had been lifted, Allen might still be alive.'' Michael McManus, a uniformed active-duty reserve army officer, decided to come out by going onstage as part of the color guard. ''This is a crucial issue on the level that there are many gays, lesbians and bisexuals in the military to begin with. It is not that this will allow homosexuals in the military... This will just give us equal protection. Equal protection. We are not asking for special protection—just equal protection.''

Congressmember Studds addressed the crowd with a variation of the if-only-everyone-gay-turned-purple-for-a-minute theory. ''If at 12 o'clock tomorrow every gay and lesbian person in America stood up for two minutes—in the Army, in the Navy, in the Air Force, in the Marine Corps, in the House and in the Senate—this debate would be over!'' The crowd loved the implicit outing of senators and congressmembers, and a few smelled blood, screaming, ''Who! Who?''

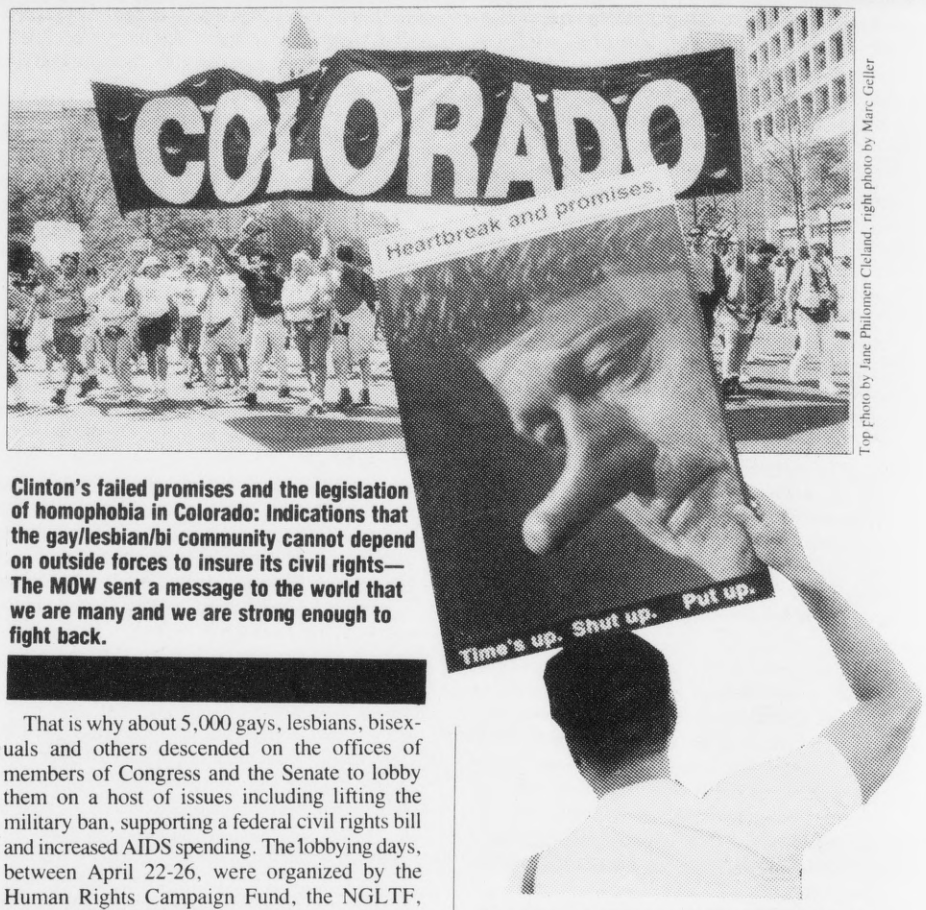
The gay military controversy impelled Michelle Greenberg of Brooklyn to attend, saying that it proved blatant homophobia in society; ''So I needed to be here.''

But not everyone was so enthused. Rebecca Hensler of ACT UP/SF argued that the ''so-called national leaders'' made a choice ''to focus on an issue that is bringing in money for them.'' Asked if AIDS was being downplayed, she replied, ''It is [not] so much an AIDS vs. gays-in-the-military question as much as an issue of prioritizing health care—which affects us all—as opposed to prioritizing the military.''

Catherine Cusic, a prominent lesbian anti-intervention activist from the Bay Area, quipped, ''I get a big sense from the younger people that they don't really think it is a great civil right to be allowed to invade Panama along with straight people.'' Cusic also complained of a lack of awareness about the importance of class and race issues in obtaining justice. She said speakers talked about ''who gets what piece of the pie,'' but she argued the problem for gays, lesbians and bisexuals is not fitting ''into the already existing system,'' but the nature of the existing class and race system itself.

SIMPLY CAPITOL COMMUNICATIONS

Marching is not everything, and sometimes, in the eyes of the U.S. government, it is nothing. ''The way the government is structured, you have to lobby,'' groused Carmen Corley of Seattle at the Hands Around the Capitol action. ''They don't validate efforts that go into this kind of action. They enforce a specific form of communication.''



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Clinton's failed promises and the legislation of homophobia in Colorado: Indications that the gay/lesbian/bi community cannot depend on outside forces to insure its civil rights—The MOW sent a message to the world that we are many and we are strong enough to fight back.

That is why about 5,000 gays, lesbians, bisexuals and others descended on the offices of members of Congress and the Senate to lobby them on a host of issues including lifting the military ban, supporting a federal civil rights bill and increased AIDS spending. The lobbying days, between April 22-26, were organized by the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the NGLTF, Mobilization Against AIDS and the Campaign for Military Service (CMS), under the auspices of the March On Washington.

According to Marla Stevens, who helped coordinate the lobbying effort, it was one of the largest the Capitol has ever seen. Californians should be proud. At least 640 Californians lobbied elected officials—more than any other state—followed by Indiana with 128 and New York with 80. She also says the lobbying led directly to three new congressional co-signers on the federal gay/lesbian civil rights bill.

''It is numbers in the office that count,'' said Ann Apisdorf, one of hundreds of gay rights lobbyists found wandering the halls of power. ''By coming again and again and again, and signing their [visitors] book, they can't ignore you. That is how things really get done around here. Big oil companies don't just come once!''

Neither do gays, lesbians and bisexuals. A stroll round the House and Senate office building revealed dozens of queer lobbyists. Not surprisingly, Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer and Rep. Nancy Pelosi were swamped with well-wishers. Pelosi's offices alone had over 200 visitors. Sen. Kennedy's visitors' book listed over 50 sign-ins on the issue.

On the other side of the fence, Sen. Sam Nunn's office had over 121 gays and lesbians signing his book in support of lifting the ban. Seventy-nine were from Georgia. There was a jarring moment outside Nunn's office when what appeared to be a group of dangerous rednecks turned out to be gay cops from San Diego—they asked if *SF Bay Times* was a communist newspaper. Uhhhh, well.

Perhaps the most fabulous moment was talking to George Howard, aide to Sen. Lauch Faircloth (R-NC). Howard responded to a constituent's discussion of gay civil rights by repeatedly steering the conversation toward AIDS, and why the disease is concentrated among homosexuals. When that did not work, he pointed out discrimination is a part of life. ''Short people, fat people with freckles, and cigarette smokers'' are regularly discriminated against, said Howard. ''I go through more discrimination in a day as a smoker than the average homosexual does in a week.''

But in some cases it took more than a visit to see a senator. Stevens said a gay and lesbian lobbyist from Indiana had to literally chase Sen. Dan Coats (R-Ind) all over the Senate office building until they cornered him in a stairwell. It was only when the lobbyists threatened to go to the press that his office agreed to a meeting, said Stevens.

At that constituent meeting, Rick Schwab, Coats' military staffer, repeated the same tired argument that out homosexuals would destroy unit cohesion. Asked about the integration of African Americans in 1948, Schwab replied, ''There was a military necessity at the time,'' prompting one constituent to say, ''You mean it is OK for us to die in the military when you need us!''

But the lobbying also had a measure of success, even with opponents of lifting the ban. Sen. John Warner invited CMS lobbyists to come back a second time to lobby on lifting the ban. CMS staffer Tanya Domi says Warner did not change his mind, but did say he ''learned a lot'' from the exchange. At least the door has opened.

A FINAL IMPRESSION

Overall, the March seemed to succeed in its effort to push the idea that gay, lesbian and bisexual rights are a civil rights issue—not a freak show. It is not a matter of ''special rights'' and not a 1 percent minority. ''I was talking to press from all over the world,'' said Lani Kaahumanu, an irrepressible SF bisexual rights activist. She spoke at the March and worked the media office. ''Every single one of them was calling it a civil rights march. I was talking to Tokyo TV, Italian TV. They were calling it a civil rights march.''

The March on Washington is beginning to create an environment where Congress cannot ignore its gay and lesbian and bi constituents, says Scout. ''And nationwide, the media will start to represent a more evenhanded view of what the gay and lesbian and bi movement is to middle America.'' At that point, says Scout, ''They will stop making such a big deal over adding two words to antidiscrimination legislation that exists.''

But while civil rights are crucial, this was, after all, a gay event. And this reporter's favorite moment came as the March rally was drawing to a close. Pussy Tourette charged on stage in a polka-dot two-piece sex suit backed by three voluptuous back-up singers. Pussy stood there slapping a red-dressed femme from hell to the relentless beat of ''French Bitch''—and there right behind them, through the gauzy ''Simple Matter of Justice'' backdrop, glowed the Capitol in the late afternoon light.

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Talking Visi-BI-lity Rag

by Marcy Rein

She'd been jumping with glee and hollering loud enough to draw every bisexual in her corner of the mall. But suddenly Cianna Stewart, the safer-sex slut with Lyon Martin Clinic, stopped and burst out crying. At the sweat-soaked and spent end of the April 25 rally, SF's bisexual activist Lani Kaahumanu was giving a major read from the stage.

"I want to challenge those lesbian and gay leaders who have come out to me over the years privately to take the next step," Kaahumanu screamed into the microphone.

It was a big bisexual moment—and it almost didn't happen. Ten minutes before she was due to go on, Kaahumanu says she was asked to cut her five-minute speech to two. She agreed to edit, refused to butcher. Stage mistress Robin Tyler begged on her knees, then let another speaker go first while continuing to plead with Kaahumanu. She was the last speaker, but as the only out bisexual on the program, she was determined to have her say.

"We've come this far as a movement, we've paid our dues. They're not going to take this away," Kaahumanu remembered thinking.

Meanwhile, according to Pat Hussain of the MOW executive committee, the production crew nervously eyed the two park police hovering backstage. In 1987 police had arrested the producer when the rally ran late. With this program pushing past overtime, "Everyone on stage in the late afternoon was asked to cut what they were saying by half," said Hussain.

The backstage wrangle and the failure of major lesbian and gay speakers to say the "b-word" were sour counterpoints to a weekend rife with bisexual visibility. Over 100 people wrestled with the nuts and bolts of structuring BiNet USA. Five times as many attended the National Conference Celebrating Bisexuality and the post-conference "Bisexual Boogie." There was a bi-erotic reading, and of course the biverse and spirited contingent in the march itself.

All this for a national movement born in a hotel room at the '87 march. The networking in D.C. that year spurred a national bisexual conference in San Francisco in 1990; this created "a snowball effect," says San Francisco writer and activist Naomi Tucker. New people started taking charge locally and meeting regionally; bisexual books and magazines came out; bisexuals were recognized in the names of university groups and a few lesbian/gay organizations.

After a bitter struggle, bisexuals and transgendered people persuaded the organizing committee for this year's march to add "bi" to its name also—though the committee couldn't manage the sex part and choked on "transgender."

Bisexuals took on major local and regional march responsibilities in the Bay Area, Chicago, New York, D.C., Boston and Florida. On march day they thronged in a block-long contingent behind a "Bi Pride" banner made up of overlapping pink, blue and lavender triangles. They came in all the varieties of the other queers—leather and denim and chiffon and cotton knit, moms and bi sons, bi pagans.

As always, some were longtime activists, some newcomers. The 20-odd people at the conference's "Bi 101" workshop the day before included a housewife from Massachusetts attending the march with her sister, brother-in-law and cousin; a man from a small North Carolina city trying painfully and slowly to accustom his wife to his attraction to men; and this longtime lesbian from San Francisco, trying to catch her politics up to her life and claim her unruly desires.

Gerard Palmeri, co-chair of the SF march organizing committee, came home convinced that more community-building is essential now. "We've got people screaming for more—songs, plays, support groups. Activists need to respond or people coming out won't be coming into a place of community."

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Dialogue over the march weekend and since has challenged a dichotomized view of gender and desire, and what several activists called a "lesbogayristocracy" hooked to a rigid definition of queer, out of touch with its grassroots.

"To be bi and honest is to recognize our orientation sometimes seems to shift with the amount of pollen in the air—the phases of the moon—or propinquity to whoever we are around," says feminist peace activist Starhawk. "Our struggle is not only for our own sexuality but for pleasure, variety, diversity, fluidity as values worth fighting for," she said.

"Like multiculturalism, mixed heritage and bi-racial relationships, both the bisexual and transgender movements expose and politicize the middle ground," Kaahumanu said in her speech. "Each and every one of us is part of a fluid social, sexual and gender dynamic."

"Making the middle ground visible," she says, "brings in everything else," laying the basis for multi-issue politics.

On a good day, Dr. Elias Farajaje-Jones is optimistic that the bi movement will grow into such politics. At the close of the April 24 conference, the Howard University divinity professor had participants on their feet snapping and stomping. "Is there life beyond bi inclusion?" he asked, firing the crowd with calls for a strong bi presence in organizing for national health care, women's reproductive rights and an end to the incarceration of HIV-positive Haitians.

"The funny thing is, I've been saying this shit for years," he told *SF Bay Times*. "It should be obvious—read *Home Girls, This Bridge Called My Back*, Audre Lorde, Pat Parker, Jewelle Gomez—get a clue!"

If the movement is serious, Farajaje-Jones says, it will systematically take on what he calls "decentering privilege," actively seeking diversity on all levels, doing anti-racism and sexism training, etc.

The stakes on strengthening alliances within and outside the queer movement also should be too obvious to take space. Suffice it to say, Colorado's nefarious Amendment 2 mentions bisexuals by name, right along with lesbians and gay men.

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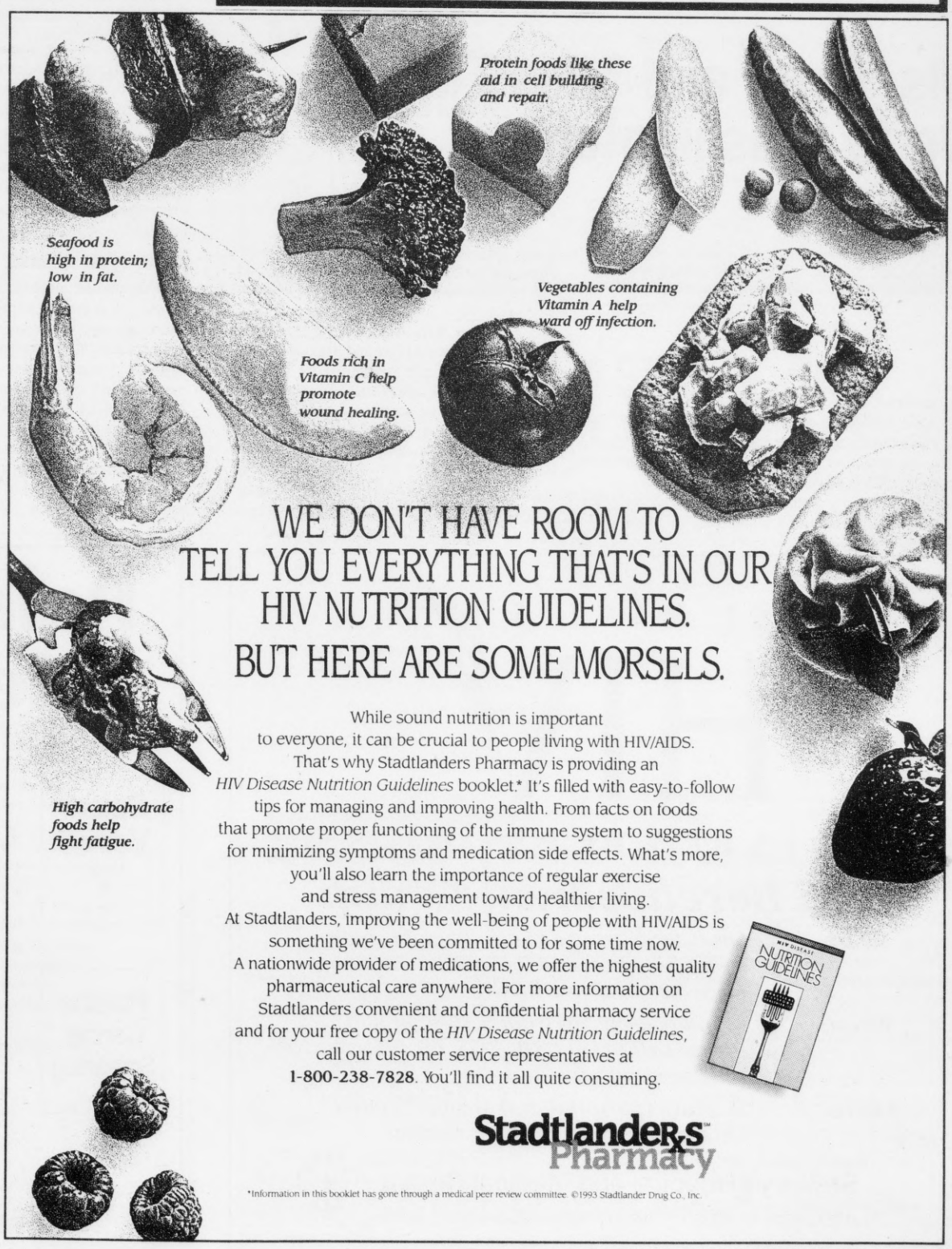
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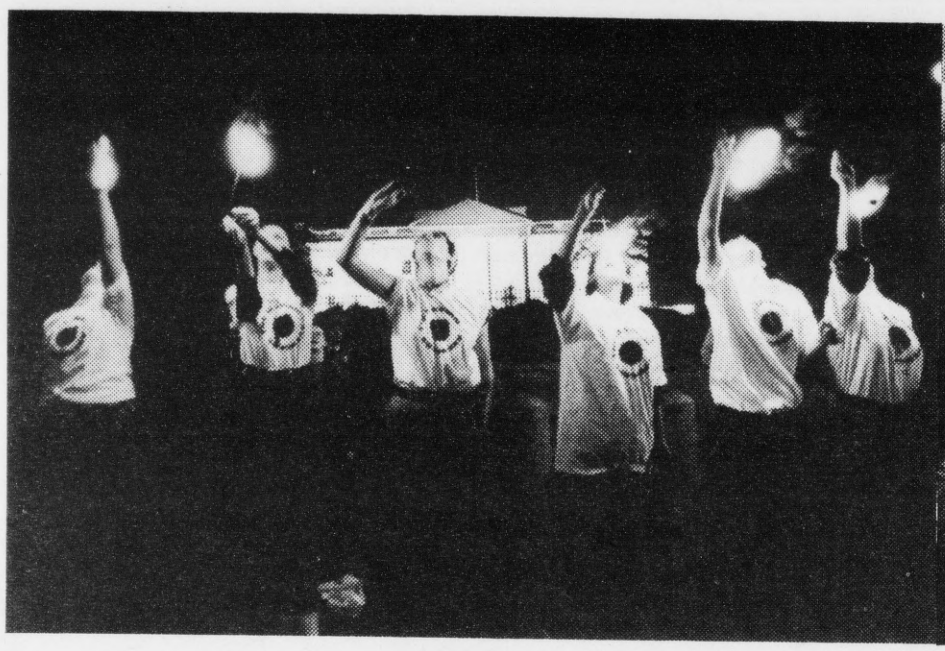

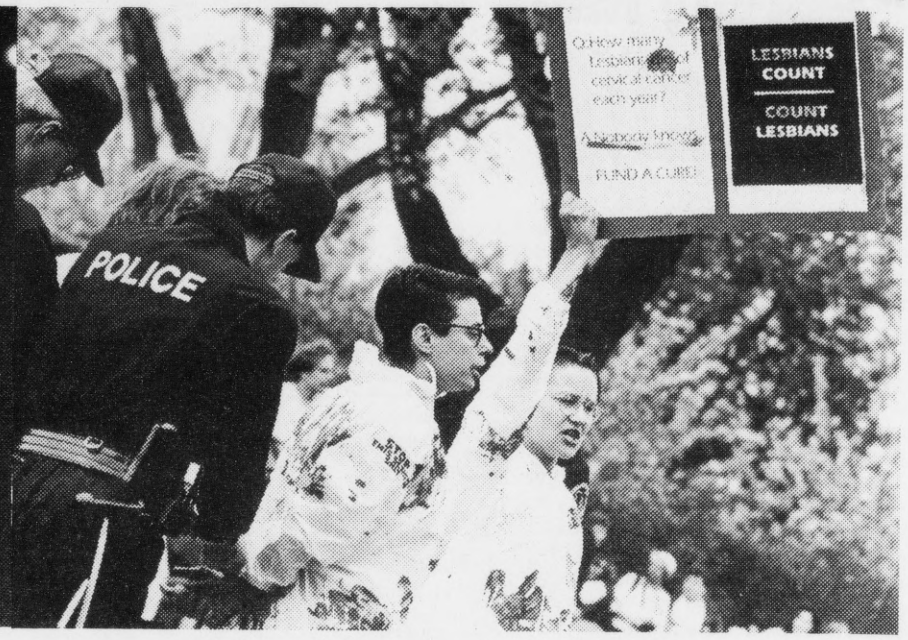

Ms. Dyke and Miss Thing Go to Washington

by Val C. Phoenix

"What we are learning here today is who we're really sitting next to. And we look to our government, but they act like they don't know what to do..."
—"Foolish Attitudes," Toshi Reagon

I'm sitting in the National Museum of Women in the Arts on April 24 in Washington, D.C. The exhibits are interesting, but the clientele is the real attraction: it's almost entirely lesbians, a parade of Birkenstocks, Doc Martens, rattails, and dreads. To my amazement, I realize we've very calmly and naturally taken over an entire museum. The sensation of being in the majority is jolting and thrilling to me at the same time, and I begin to understand how something like this can change your life.

And so it was with April 25th's March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation, its title stretching out like the crowds on the Mall, uncoiling to give straight America a glimpse of our lives.

Mostly it was for us, though. The people I talked to all had their agendas. Some were in town to lobby. Some to ACT UP. Some to network. But, many just wanted to be with their own kind. Queer America was coming to town to claim a place at the table.

"We are coming home, America, with our heads held high. Not as strangers, but as the people we are," said National Gay and Lesbian Task Force head Torie Osborn. Will the city and the U.S. be the same?

It was a chance to see outness taken to its full potential. Banners, buttons, T-shirts—more slogans than you could shake a stick at. Wow! On every street corner you could see us, and we were beautiful.

SCENES FROM THE MALL

What say we meet the neighbors? Tai Remington, 32, is making her first trip to Washington from Colorado Springs, ground zero in the fight against the right. "You feel free here," she says, sitting with the Colorado contingent waiting to march. "In Colorado Springs, you have to be looking out for your back. This is overwhelming," she adds.

If the Colorado group is any indication, the battles being fought with the right wing are only making us stronger. "A lot of my friends are getting more open and less tolerant," says Joanne Stanley, 37, of Glenwood Springs, Colo. "They're saying, 'I want this *now*. I'm tired of asking your permission to have civil rights and civil liberties.'"

Camp is one weapon. When the chips are down, we come *out*, and make no mistake: Miss Thing and Ms. Dyke are here. A Barbra Streisand impersonator sweeps past with an entourage. Lesbians stride by wearing "Castrating Dyke" stickers. "We got friends in high places!" yells a barker, urging passers-by to pose with cutouts

Photo left: The Lesbian Avengers eat fire in front of the White House in memory of the firebombing deaths of Hattie Cohens and Brian Mock in Oregon. "The fire will not consume us! We take it and make it our own!" Photo right: A CD was held at the Capitol on Monday for single-payer health insurance and more lesbian visibility. Photos by Jane Philomen Cleland

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of Bill and Hillary. She's wearing a "Safe sex is hot sex" T-shirt, and he's shirtless.

Michael Louder, 32, who just moved to Atlanta from Dallas, has never marched before and is clearly impressed as he sets up the Men of All Colors Together banner. "I love the sheer number, the mass of gay people," he says, nodding approvingly.

It will take seven hours for all the marchers to make it to the other end of the Mall. Chants propel them along. "2-4-6-8! Let me check your prostate!" yell the lesbian physicians. "We're here, we're queer! Have you had your pap smear?"

Nancy Burkholder is marching with the transgender contingent and says, "This is absolutely the most awesome event of my life. There's a lot of queer energy, and I feel like I'm a part of it."

Some don't bother marching. Caught without their car phones, the entire L.A. contingent cuts across the Mall to the rally, picking a choice, media-friendly (of course) spot for their hot pink banner.

Lauren Birke, 24, of Carrboro, N.C., is carrying a sign demanding "Dyke Power—End Patriarchy Now" and she says, "It's the event of the century, honey. For me personally, I've gotta whack away at the roots of patriarchy. I'll take my labyris and start whacking away."

Denise Connett, 24, from Boston, standing next to the Northampton banner proclaiming the town "Lesbian Occupied Territory," says, "I'm bisexual, and this is the first march that has included bisexual as a category within lesbian and gay rights. My father is gay, I'm involved with women and these are my issues."

The resolve is surely there. In an appropriate finale on the Mall, singer Rozalla performs her anthem, "Everybody's Free," bringing the exhausted crowd to its feet in a collective declaration of hope and pride.

DYKES TAKE ACTION

Lesbian visibility is on the rise, as evidenced by the number of groups that have sprung up in just the last few years. The banner SF's WAC chapter brought proclaims "Dykes Take Action." San Franciscan Mary Clark Greer, 71, is marching with Old Lesbians Organizing for Change, because, as she says, "I really wanted to march as a lesbian. I've marched for everything else."

Kate Redmond, a 29-year-old activist from Minneapolis, is of two minds on the state of lesbian politics. "A lot of the movement seems so assimilationist," she laments, before brightening. "I've met a lot of really radical lesbians here. It gives me hope there is still a radical agenda."

Leading the way in that regard are the Lesbian Avengers, a direct action group that formed in New York last May and which has spread to several cities since then. Avenger Maxine Wolfe explains, "We decided we're sick and tired of dykes working on every issue except our own lives. This is a direct action group focused on issues of lesbian survival and visibility." Birke, a member of the Avengers' Durham chapter, declares, "Our time is now. It's time to take action to end patriarchy and promote lesbians." They're angry, they're hip, they're "bored with the boys." And they recruit. Actively. "It's the thing to be. You've gotta join us," Birke says to me.

The Dyke March (or Dyke Hike) on April 24 turns out to be a major show of strength, one that is widely remarked among women to be the highlight of the weekend, bar none. ACT UP/New York's Alexis Danzig thinks it's "the biggest lesbian march in history," with estimates varying from 6,000 to 20,000. Strutting down a march route of Dupont Circle to the ultimate phallic symbol, the Washington Monument, the march is exuberant and loud. Gentle and angry? No, more like fierce and lusty. "Ten percent is not enough! Recruit! Recruit! Recruit!" comes the call.

The March revives the old SF-New York rivalry. Oh, sure, the Big Apple can always drum up a few celebrities: Holly Hughes and Sarah Schulman march with Lesbian Avengers. But, SF has the most highly prized stickers: "Fuck Your Gender" proves to be a popular accoutrement.

"We're dykes! Don't touch us! We'll LICK you!" warn the marchers. A few women remove their shirts, always a sign of comfort or defiance. A topless woman climbs into the arms of a statue and kisses it on the lips. On the sidelines, a few boy cheerleaders urge the group on with a sign: "Cocksuckers for Muffdivers."

Lesbian visibility takes all forms: two women make out next to a visibly squirming traffic cop, who turns his back with a bemused smile. Watching on a corner are a heterosexual couple, the woman visibly impressed. "These people are so great," she says to the man. "This is all women. I can't believe it!"

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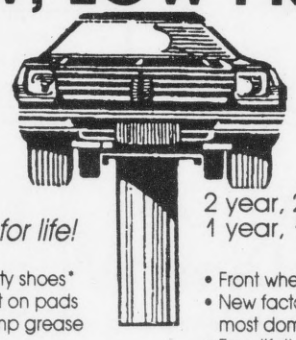

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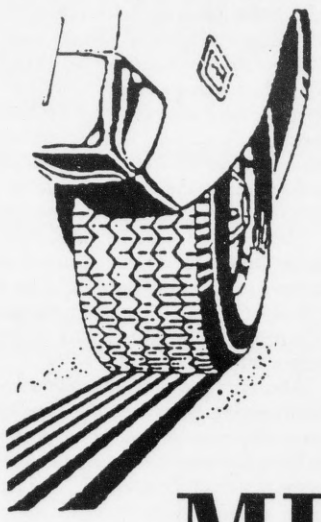

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MARCH ON D.C.

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My favorite moment comes as the March passes the White House. A line of Lesbian Avengers dressed in matching T-shirts stands on overturned crates just outside the gates and proceeds to eat fire. "This is surreal," says one marcher, echoing my thoughts exactly. In unison, Avengers calmly stick the flaming torches into their mouths and smile, while others chant, "We take the fire within us! We take it and make it our own!"

It's one of those reclaiming things lesbians do so well. The practice began to protest the firebombing deaths of lesbian Hattie Cohens and Brian Mock, a gay man, in Oregon last fall. "The fire will not consume us," they retort defiantly. "We take it and make it our own." Congress and the president are hereby on notice.

The March has already left its mark on at least one branch of government: spray-painted on the Treasury and still on display two days later is the declaration "Lesbian Visibility."

THEY LOVE A MAN (AND WOMAN) IN UNIFORM

While dykes seethe, the Capitol fiddles over gays in the military. My own view on this burning (yawn) issue was in no way affected by the fact that I was seated on the inbound flight to Dulles next to a uniformed member of the Air National Guard of Florida. She was none too excited to see me either. I looked forward to engaging her in a lively discussion of the issues, but she promptly fell asleep.

For a lot of people, though, this is a crucial test of whether gays, lesbians and bisexuals will really be able to claim a place at the table. For them, I attended NGLTF's "Honoring Our Allies" reception, which featured an array of discharged soldiers and their supporters.

I was much more excited about the food (mushroom/cheese sauce on good crusty bread) and seeing Martina Navratilova and Melissa Etheridge, just two of the out celebs who made the journey to D.C. to be counted. Navratilova, looking like a Gap model, posed with a newly married lesbian couple, and joked, "Don't let me come between you." Etheridge played two songs and professed to be honored to share the stage with "all these courageous men and women."

Most of those onstage were male, though as NGLTF's Tanya Domi explained, women are two to three times more likely to be discharged for being gay. Said Domi, "The issue is Tailhook. Heterosexual men are the ones that have a problem with misconduct."

All the gold braid was making me woozy, and the thought occurred to me that it must have been a uniform fetishist's delight. There were plenty of prime specimens: Keith Meinhold, Tracy Thorne, Grethe Cammermeyer, Joe Steffan, Dusty Pruitt, and so on.

To this list was added a new name: Joe Zuniga. Zuniga, 23 and based in SF, was recently chosen Soldier of the Year for the Sixth US Army, and seemed well on his way to a sterling military career, if not for *one* small problem... He chose the reception to come out as a gay man, stating, "I cannot continue to serve my country if it means choosing between serving honorably and living a lie. Today I come out as a gay soldier."

The event proved highly media-friendly and was designed to show up the argument about troop morale, etc. The sales strategy was simple: Take young, photogenic, patriotic over-achievers who just happen to be gay and ask Mr. and Mrs. America, "Do you really want to ruin this nice young man's (or woman's) life?" I mean really. Cannon fodder is cannon fodder.

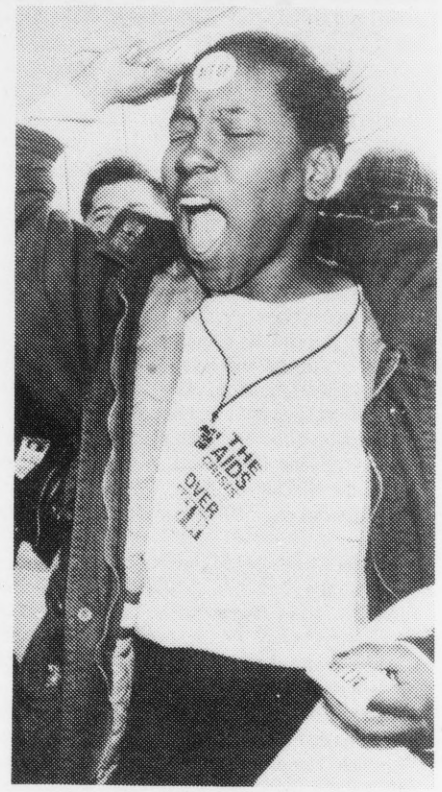
A RIGHT OR A STRUGGLE?

Ferd Eggan, AIDS Coordinator for the City of Los Angeles, has other concerns. "Fuck the military. Let's take care of the ban on health care," he says at the civil disobedience rally on April 26, demanding a single-payer health care system. Health care is a topic of numerous lobbying sessions, demos, and discussions, as the deadline looms for Hillary Clinton's team to submit their plan.

Some kind of progress was made at a hard-won meeting, arranged by ACT UP Women's Network, with Health and Human Services Secretary (and non-alternative lifestyle practitioner) Donna Shalala. On April 23, a small group of HIV-positive lesbians and their advocates met with the secretary for about 40 minutes and delivered a list of demands, including a request for research on woman-to-woman transmission of HIV and treatment for woman-specific opportunistic infections.

"We wanted to get the secretary's attention on issues particular to lesbians with HIV," says Terry McGovern, a lawyer who works with low-income people with HIV in New York and who attended the meeting.

Officials from the CDC and FDA were on hand, as the women told stories of dealing not only with their symptoms, but also an unresponsive health care system. "At one point, Shalala had tears in her eyes. She seemed very drawn in," says McGovern.



An ACT Up demo was held at the Dept. of Health and Human Services on April 23 for more lesbian visibility in HHS health care implementation. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

ACT UP's Danzig called the meeting "an historic moment for lesbians, especially lesbians with HIV. There's probably never been a meeting of so many PWAs and the head of an agency." The result is another meeting, tentatively set for June 4.

Danzig believes the gains made by the AIDS activist movement are benefiting other health care struggles. "I don't mean to be a chauvinist. The kinds of questions we've asked on behalf of PWAs [can be applied to] a huge group of immuno-suppressed conditions like cancer and Epstein-Barr Syndrome, which until now have been ignored, neglected or merely managed... My larger agenda is lesbian health and therefore women's health."

At a meeting of feminist and lesbian cancer projects, participants agreed no one will fight for lesbians except lesbians. Susan Hester of the Mautner Project in D.C. stressed the need to fight for inclusion in government studies. "We want to be included in every program that exists, and research, too." A lesbian/bi women's health survey by the Lesbian Health Project was circulated during the week to begin the process of collecting information otherwise not available.

The action on April 26 focused on health care accessibility and a demand for a single-payer system similar to Canada's. The theme was "Health Care Is a Right, Not a Business." About 300 people gathered in a park near the Capitol before hitting the streets.

After sitting down in the intersection of Constitution and Delaware, 47 were arrested and taken into custody. In addition, Annette Gaudino of SF was arrested for putting a sticker on the steps of the Senate office building. "Let the baby dyke go!" shouted supporters. Gaudino was later released uncharged.

The 47 were cited and released, and upon their return to court, were convicted on misdemeanor charges of "obstructing and impeding passage on U.S. Capitol grounds" and sentenced to time served. Mark Goldstone, an attorney who represented some of the protesters, says they were able to tell the judge in sometimes eloquent terms

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their reasons for disobeying the law. "Some of the statements were very powerful—the descriptions of health-care problems they are facing," he said.

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Politics is great, but far more people can be found in Dupont Circle than at any demo. The popular gay area has the aura of a non-stop street party, with visitors spilling into its streets and fountain in a whirr of pink triangles and rainbow flags.

On the Metro system, straight couples find themselves outnumbered and resort to holding hands protectively. Spontaneous cheers break out as revelers ascend the escalators, particularly in Dupont Circle. Riding the train, I listen in as three leather men who've just met discover they're all from the same place. "I hope the last one out of the Bay Area turned out the lights," one of them says.

So it is in my wanderings that I end up at the Museum of Women in the Arts on Saturday. The museum itself is amazing. You can go to most any museum and never see work by women. This one is all women: paintings and sculpture and whatnot. One exhibit is called "Out of the Land," and I think that's what we are, from the heartland to the city, all just hanging out and looking at art.

Outside, clusters of dykes have their pictures taken underneath the museum sign. Two women stroll by in matching purple sweatshirts reading: "Out Lesbian, Proud and Just Married." Normally I'd puke, but in this time and place, it seems kind of sweet.

JUST FRIENDS

Not everyone is so obvious. Vastly amusing to me are our supportive straight friends, often rumored to be a little closer than simply friends: Phil and Marlo, Sharon Pratt Kelly, and Judith Light, for starters. Actress Kathy Najimy offers her assessment of Pres. Clinton: "We finally have a leader who's thinking with his mind and his heart, instead of just his penis... Don't let us down." Cybill Shepherd declares she doesn't care if people think she's queer.

I think we should just assume everybody is queer for the day. Thus, we could welcome "Cybill Shepherd, notorious pussy eater" and "fudgepacking Phil Donahue." Much better, I think, than all this quibbling over using "labels."

Yet, for all the commitment to being out, proud and queer, some speakers and performers aren't giving much away.

Take the Indigo Girls. I'd heard they'd come out prior to the march, but here's how the musical duo was introduced by Michelle Crone: "They didn't want to miss being a part of this 'cause they're in support of gay and lesbian rights." It's hardly a ringing coming-out statement. In fact, it makes 'em sound a bit more altruistic than they really are.

I don't get it. Why would closeted people show up for a march for liberation? Perhaps they should have a little chat with Melissa Etheridge. Anyway...

Lani Kaahumanu says she's pleased that Tim McFeeley of the Human Rights Campaign Fund included the word bisexual in his speech, "a first in public for him to include us as a community." But she's less thrilled with some unnamed lesbian and gay leaders whom she challenges to come out as bisexual.

Then there's NOW President Patricia Ireland. Knowing she has a husband and a female companion, I ask her if she considers herself part of the bisexual community. She replies, "I feel that NOW and feminists, myself included, have been and are an important part of this movement of this community."

OK, but what about you personally? "Oh, I'm very much a part of this movement, and I've been very strong in my commitment on the issues and on the importance of telling the truth about our lives. I think that what disturbs some people is that I also have a very powerful commitment as a public figure to maintain my right to privacy, and so while I talk openly—and I'm probably one of the most out people out there—about how I live my life, I *don't* talk about my sexuality, and I think that causes some people some consternation," she says, smiling a frosty smile. No mention of the L, G, or B words in that, I note, smiling back.

Robin Tyler announces that Jane Wagner and Lily Tomlin had called to say "how proud they are of today and how proud they are to be members of this community." If they're so proud, why don't they come here and say it? I find this whole "we know and you know we know, but nobody wants the straight folks to know" attitude rather tiresome.

Still, the sheer numbers of wonderful OUT queer talent are impressive: comics, speakers, choruses and dancers galore. Kate Clinton, Joan Jett Blakk, Suede, and Casselberry and Dupree take the stage during the combined 12 hours of entertainment. SF is well-represented by Pomo Afro Homos, Marga Gomez and Tom Ammiano, to name a very few.

Ru Paul got the military color guard dancing, and the supermodel caused a sensation backstage by sashaying through the crowd, a flock of admirers at his heels.

Lea DeLaria, quite the hot property since her appearance on *Arsenio* in March, tells me her proudest moment is at hand. "I got to squeeze Martina Navratilova's thigh! It is my dream come true! I said, 'Martina, I'm Lea DeLaria...Are your thighs really as strong in real life as they look on the tennis court?' She said, 'Squeeze it and find out.' And I did." Leave it to Lea to seize the moment.

DeLaria introduces Holly Near, in an ironic bit of scheduling, considering how often Near's been the butt of the comic's jokes. But, as the Rev. Jesse Jackson said, "If the lion can find common ground with the lamb..."

Near performs "Singing for our Lives" with an all-out chorus that includes Cris Williamson, Tret Fure, Deidre McCalla, Romanovsky and Phillips, the Washington Sisters, Michael Callen, and Toshi Reagon. It's not really a protest 'til Holly Near sings that song. In fact, I think that's a requirement or something, along with getting a permit...

WHAT'S IT ALL MEAN?

The March achieved a great deal of credibility by being positioned as a civil rights demonstration—something less scary to the straight public than let's say, "a huge swarm of sodomites coming to recruit more sinners."

D.C. Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly would like to see the idea of protest taken to the next step. "I think this is one of the largest and best-organized marches we've ever had in the history of this country and this community. I believe that the time has come, however, to no longer peacefully just plead for power. It's the time to seize power."

Torie Osborn has a dream, too. "We're mobilizing hopefully one million gay, lesbian and bisexual Rosa Parkses... to go home and start a revolution."

But, the lessons learned will no doubt vary. Some will put away the banners and T-shirts and go about their business. Others will go back home, fired up to challenge the roots of the system. It's clear, though, with all the media attention, that America got a look at us, and they'll just have to deal.

Co-chair Nadine Smith, of Tampa, Fla., was visibly moved as she addressed the crowd on the Mall. "It's not about a gay power elite. It's about *us*... coming out in our hometowns, putting our lovers' pictures on our desks. It's about us having the courage to walk in public and flaunt our sexuality just as much as straight society. I really want to thank you all, because this is the most incredible day of my life." ✿

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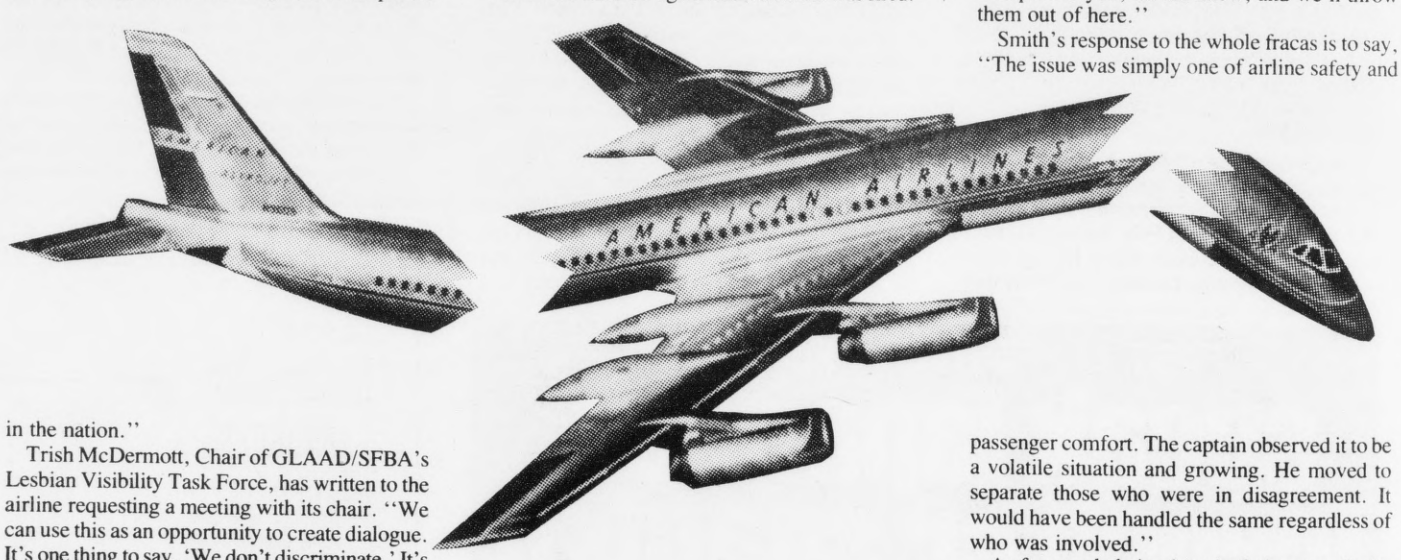
Gay Passengers Challenge American Airlines' Version of Events

By Val C. Phoenix

Reports of discriminatory behavior by American Airlines toward queer passengers have prompted widespread outrage. Both the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation and the March on Washington committee have protested and are awaiting a satisfactory response from the airline. The incidents came to light with the huge influx of gay, lesbian and bi passengers flying to the nation's capital for the March.

So far, *SF Bay Times* has heard of three incidents involving questionable behavior by American Airlines personnel toward queer passengers, despite the airline's claim to be "one of the most progressive and enlightened companies in the nation."



Trish McDermott, Chair of GLAAD/SFBA's Lesbian Visibility Task Force, has written to the airline requesting a meeting with its chair. "We can use this as an opportunity to create dialogue. It's one thing to say, 'We don't discriminate.' It's another thing to sit down and discuss it," she says.

PILLOWS/BLANKETS

In the first incident, on April 26, the flight crew of Flight 701 from Washington to Dallas asked for a complete change of pillows and blankets "due [to] gay rights activists onboard."

Gregory Adams, communications director of the March on Washington, was able to get a copy of the official "Flight Operations Irregularities" report thanks to a "sympathetic source." Adams says the basis for such a request by the crew could only be "either homophobia or AIDSphobia."

That charge is untrue, says Tim Smith of American's corporate communications department. He claims the crew "asked for additional blankets because they had used several to mop up a big food spill. The issue to us is how does this translate into this inappropriate message?"

Adams responds, "The problem is an atmosphere that would allow this sort of thought process to take place, that their employees would even think in those terms."

Tim Beck, a gay man from SF who was on Flight 701, says the flight was jovial. "It was a fairly social group [of passengers]. I'm sure it was rather obvious to the flight crew there were a number of gay people on the flight."

McDermott says Smith told her the request for new blankets was due to a large tomato juice spill which had used up one third of the blankets onboard. She finds the claim hard to believe.

Beck, who was seated in row 25 behind the plane's wing, says, "I'm not aware of any spill of any kind, let alone a major spill. That's something I'm sure we would have noticed at some point, if they had to take blankets and pillows like they said they did. I was socializing with a lot of people, moving throughout the cabin. I was pretty aware of what was going on."

Ted Comerford, who was also on the flight, says flatly, "There was no tomato juice spill. The galley's in the back, and we would have noticed. You don't need 12 blankets to wipe up a 6 oz. can of tomato juice."

Having read about the memo, Beck called the airline. "I... told them I would not be flying American Airlines again until someone was fired. I did not pay hundreds of dollars to be treated like a diseased animal."

POOR LOU

In the second incident, on April 27, Traditional Values Coalition founder and homophobic maniac Lou Sheldon found himself face-to-face with real live gays and lesbians aboard Flight 247 from D.C. to Chicago. A number of marchers returning home on the westbound flight decided to take the opportunity to meet the reverend. The result was that all passengers were confined to their seats for the duration of the flight into Chicago while Sheldon was bumped up from coach to first class.

SF Bay Times spoke with a number of passengers on the flight, which continued to SF, who say their contact with Sheldon was nonconfrontational and that the American crew exacerbated the situation. Passengers described being verbally threatened by crew members and otherwise treated in a disrespectful manner. "The crew acted inappropriately throughout," says gay activist Marc Slavin, who is an aide to Berkeley Mayor Loni Hancock.

The idea, says Slavin, was to have one or two people at a time go up to introduce themselves to Sheldon. "It was a very understated protest. We wanted to give him the human face of the lesbian and gay community. We wanted to say we were real people and he was causing us real suffering in our lives."

After meeting a few of these faces, Sheldon fled to first class and complained to a flight attendant, who called the captain. San Franciscan Karen Norman exchanged words with both of the employees near first class and says they accused her of harassing and threatening Sheldon.

The captain told everyone to sit down and threatened one passenger, who was trying to get some water to take his medication, with handcuffs unless he sat down, says SF gay comic Danny Williams, who was also on the plane.

Shortly after that, the captain turned on the seatbelt sign and announced everyone had to stay seated "or there will be consequences," recalls Williams. Seeing Sheldon escorted to first class and finding themselves being berated produced a chant of "Shame!" among the passengers.

"It was only after he complained to the captain that the mood changed among us," says Slavin. "It's kind of ironic he felt he needed to flee us, but he left his wife behind."

The plane was met by 10 to 15 security agents in Chicago. Slavin said he heard the DC-Chicago captain warning an incoming officer about the passengers. "He replied, 'If there are any further problems, I'll turn this flight around and return to O'Hare.' It was clearly an attempt at intimidation by this flight officer."

Bob Munk of Santa Fe says that once the plane landed in Chicago, he went to the Admiral's Club, where he found Sheldon with a security guard. Munk overheard the guard tell Sheldon, "If anyone talks to you, if anybody so much as whispers to you, let me know, and we'll throw them out of here."

Smith's response to the whole fracas is to say, "The issue was simply one of airline safety and passenger comfort. The captain observed it to be a volatile situation and growing. He moved to separate those who were in disagreement. It would have been handled the same regardless of who was involved."

As for people being kept in their seats, Smith says, "They were told to fasten their seatbelts within 15 to 20 minutes of landing."

"That's an out-and-out lie," retorts Williams, who says it was closer to an hour before the plane landed in Chicago.

As for Sheldon, he transferred to another flight in Chicago. He has since gone on talk shows claiming passengers physically threatened him by shouting, "We're dying of AIDS and now you are, too!"

DANGEROUS STICKERS

In a third incident reported to *SF Bay Times*, two lesbians arriving in D.C. for the march were confronted by an American Airlines gate attendant who threatened to keep them from boarding a return flight because of stickers they were wearing.

Carol Rossi and Andrea Nemerson of SF stepped off the airplane in D.C. on April 22 when they were approached by an airline employee. Rossi and Nemerson were both wearing "Fuck Your Gender" stickers, and Rossi also wore one reading "You're ignorant, arrogant and boring. We're just a litle queer."

According to Nemerson, "She said, 'Ladies, ladies. I've had some complaints from passengers about what's on your jackets.' "

Although the attendant claimed she'd received complaints about the offending stickers, Rossi says no one had said anything to her the entire flight. "If someone had said they found it offensive, I would have taken it off. No one said

anything to me... My impression was one person complained, she looked at it, and it offended *her* more than anything."

But, it was the lengths to which the flight attendant was prepared to go to make her point that angered them more. Rossi says after the warning, she and Nemerson "just shook our heads and walked away." Nemerson adds, "She came after us yelling, 'Wait! Wait!' and we made some comments over our shoulders." Says Rossi, "She pushed it a little further, and so, as we were walking away, I said, 'Fuck American Airlines.'"

Nemerson says the employee "lost it at that moment. She said, 'I want you to know that we can put a computer tag on you, and you will not be able to get back on American Airlines if...' Her voice trailed off, and I think it was deliberate. It was a vague threat, but she had no power to do such a thing."

Ironically, members of WAC did return on American Airlines, covered with stickers, and nobody said a thing. Nemerson says she won't be traveling on the airline again, however. "Absolutely not. No fucking way."

AA RESPONSE

American Airlines prefers to stick to the narrow issue of who wrote the message that appeared on the computer in Dallas. "It flies in the face of our policy and our history," says Smith. "We have 100,000 employees. This was an indiscretion of two, maybe three, people."

McDermott feels the corporate climate may be more to blame. "Everyone who flew United described how friendly they were.... I would guess that either they have more diversity training or a corporate culture that emphasizes respect for diversity."

American, she says, could do much to repair its damaged reputation in the community if it woud agree to four things: issue a public apology; add sexual orientation to its antidiscrimination policy or clarify if it is part of the policy; send an internal memo to employees reiterating that policy; own up that there's a problem and meet with members of the lesbian, gay and bi community.

So far, American has released an internal memo to the press. In it, Crandall states, "The Company views these events as deplorable... We have an aggressive policy of non-discrimination against any individual or group of individuals, and this policy explicitly forbids discrimination for reasons of sexual preference [sic]."

However, Smith hasn't even been able to find the nondiscriminatory policy, much less the "explicit" reference to "sexual preference." "I'm not sure what the chairman's referring to in his statement," Smith admitted on April 30 when asked to send a copy of the relevant section of the policy to *SF Bay Times*.

At press time, no policy had been sent to *SF Bay Times*, and Smith did not return a follow-up phone call.

There's no doubt the airline has been catching flak in the last week. GLAAD has heard from an airline customer in Ohio who canceled seven planned flights on American. In addition to GLAAD, the local chapter of NGLTF, which has programs on workplace issues, is also interested in the situation.

The irony of this issue arising in the afterglow of the March on Washington is not lost on Adams, who says, "It cuts right to the heart of why we felt it necessary to march on Washington in the first place."

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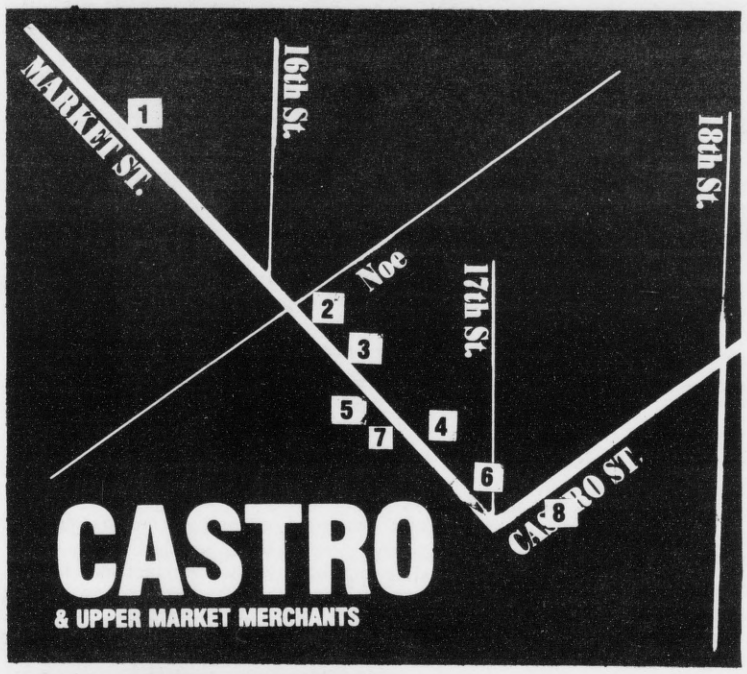

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I did not attend previous marches on D.C. But because so many of my friends have died, and because all too soon I will have no friends who share a continuity of friendship with me for more than ten years, I felt I must go to Washington to process their senseless absence, to help eradicate my pain and anger at being left alone, to support a call for equal rights all over again (I've done this before as a Black man) and to witness a significant event in history.

My hotel was at 3rd and G streets, about ten blocks from where the march would end. Assoto Saint was in the lobby when I arrived. I checked in, dropped my bags in my room and we went to dinner. We caught up on gossip and discussed the many events and activities in which could participate. A lot of the conferences, lobbying, and meetings with congress persons and senators had already taken place earlier in the week. Of the many events to be held later that evening, we agreed to go see Nona Hendrix perform. But we ended up falling asleep instead.

Saturday morning was the press breakfast hosted by the Washington *Blade*. Large offices. Nice breakfast. I talked with Ruppert Kinnard and Sydney Brinkley. I cannot speak for them, but to me, the three of us were like flies suspended in a sea of buttermilk. Or should I say, three black olives adrift in a sea of white bread with no other condiment. I haven't been so studiously ignored since my last trip to SF's Midnight Yawn. Just as mainstream America is uncomfortable with different sexual orientations, we are still uncomfortable with our differences within the gay community.

And that is never more evident than at social functions where white people who are not accustomed to dealing with that difference haven't a clue what to say to you if you are not singing, dancing, shooting hoops, or, shall we say, providing some other service. Ruppert and I left to pick up our press credentials and to find a drug store or convenience store. We did not see any drugstores or convenience stores in downtown D.C. I told Ruppert: "I don't know how poor people who live downtown ever find juice, bottled water or toilet paper to wipe their asses." Ever ethereal, Kinnard told me the Diva and the Brown Bomber would find a mystical solution to these inconveniences. No doubt.

I ran into ex-San Franciscan Eric Myrick, who was there covering the march for GCN. We laughed. We talked. I just may poison his lover.

Back to D.C. in time for writer/activist Sabrina Sojourner's classy wedding/reception at the Washington Court Hotel. The ceremony included Hebrew, African and Latino components. The attire was semi-formal and the guest list was very Who's Who.

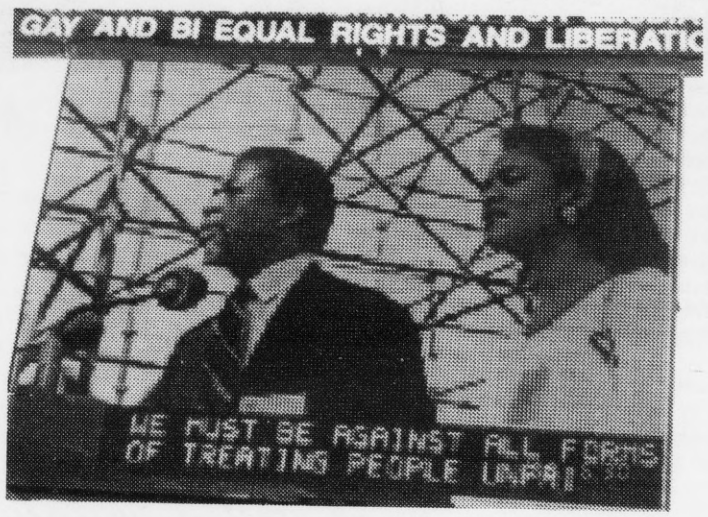
MARCHING TO ??

Sunday dawned, and I noticed how well-ordered the streets were. There was no disarray or screaming. There was none of the anger I had heard enveloped the '87 event. In 1987, over 700 people were arrested. This year, only 47 went to jail. And whatever acting up occurred, occurred in a pre-designated area. I also noticed the crowd was disproportionately youthful, with twenty-something activists running the show. It was wonderful to see real, public images of gays and lesbians and not just the sex industry portrayal of who we are.

The youthful monitors seemed to pay little attention to older participants. At the quilt ceremony, when survivors of loved ones asked to read their loved ones names, they were rudely dismissed by younger gays and lesbians who were more intent on procedure and orderliness than the purpose for which we were there. Those in charge seemed to be consumed only by their own area of concern and overwhelmed by the scope and size of the bigger picture.

At the staging area, I discovered there was a two-tier press credential system. C-SPAN, CNN, ABC, NBC, CBS and some of the national magazines were allowed entree to the celebrity area and to a raised platform in front of the stage. The rest of us, which amounted to most of the gay press attending the event, were cordoned off and rudely turned back by some young dykes who seemed to be enjoying this one moment of authority over people who otherwise would probably pay no attention to them. Finally, the marchers figured out how to sneak under the raised platform and infiltrate the press maze. Because of their overwhelming numbers, many of them probably got better pictures than did the press. They were not as polite as the press either, and told the monitors to go fuck off. Not a bad idea.

The stage presentation was polished, diverse and mostly fabulous. The competition to get a spot before the million-plus crowd and national media coverage must have been fierce. There were many outstanding celebrities and leaders. No one got much time. Almost no one gave a lengthy, self-glorifying speech. Just some of the onstage per-



New NAACP Director Ben Chavis and his wife on the March stage: Chavis advocated more unity between Blacks and gays. Photo by Thom Bean

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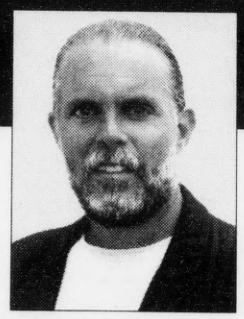

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sonalities who were especially memorable: SF comedian Tom Ammiano; Akiko Carver, a 16-year-old Asian dyke who spoke eloquently against the military and institutionalized racism; SF cut-up Karen Williams; NYC Mayor David Dinkins; NLGBLF director Phill Wilson; TV and film star Judith Light; and Michael Callen, who sang his moving rendition of "Love Don't Need a Reason."

Ben Chavis, the new NAACP director, made an important gesture toward unity between Blacks and gays; celebs Cybill Shepherd, Martina Navratilova and Sir Ian McKellen took the stage. Dorothy Hajdys, mother of Allen Schindler, the gay soldier beaten to death by three fun-loving marines, said, "I don't want any mother to go through what I went through...Don't mess with my kids."

Also the ultra-fabulous Patti Austin sang "We're All in This Together," and quipped, "Funny, you don't look like 300,000 people. You look like the entire One Percent!"

Parallels abounded. Some speakers remarked on the similarity in purpose to the 1967 civil rights march. Some even imitated the cadence and content of Dr. Martin Luther King's speech. Some speakers pretended that we have unity among our ranks, even though we practice the same illusions of harmony as mainstream straight society through lip service, disingenuousness and photo opportunism. There are always those willing to smile and be brothers and sisters the day of the parade, and ignore and defile you the day after.

Yet on this sunny day in a city known for its repressed, conservative and segregated gay community, there was a ray of openness. The written statement from the president said, "The Pentagon has stopped asking recruits about their sexual orientation and I have asked the secretary of defense to determine how to implement an executive order lifting the ban on gays and lesbians in the military by July 15." Whether we are pro- or anti-military, gays are entitled to the same rights as any other Americans.

Senator Ted Kennedy welcomed us by writing, "...By mobilizing today in such massive numbers, you are sending a powerful message to my colleagues and to all Americans that gay men and lesbians are a part of the American family. We see your courage, we hear your voice, feel your determination, and we pledge that this discrimination against you must end now—once and for all time." We were out in the streets, in the daylight, healing and not hiding in silence. That is the healthiest experience any of us could have.

FOLLOWED BY RAIN MONDAY

It rained that Monday. I ate brunch at a Chinese restaurant where some Black customers were sneering at a white lesbian couple who probably were there for the march. At the airport, I had to read some white queen from Dallas who thought he could just cut in line ahead of me. The airports were filled with gays. The planes were filled with gays, and it was fun to be in the majority for a change. I don't often get that feeling.

Gays can be as vexing as straights. On the plane, Jesse Jackson was on the news. One of the white dykes behind me observed, "Oh, look! His arm's in a sling!" To which the white dyke sitting next to her responded, "Yeah! Too bad it's not his neck!" Then there was that moment of silence after they noticed my presence and my glare. Do I really care if the two-stepping redneck I hear that from is gay or straight? Not really.

At SFO, a Black airport shuttle driver asked the two white customers where they were going, looked at me and got back in his van. I took a different van—one with another passenger who looked like he didn't have two quarters. I believe the driver and he had worked something out. This passenger, a redneck, closed the door on my hand. When I got home, I discovered my car had been broken into. The march was over.

Much of our silent and sometimes pointed oppression remains. My immediate reality had not changed. But we will suffer less by being less silent and more outspoken. Perhaps the momentous gesture of the march will signal our readiness for simple justice from within as well as without. ✿

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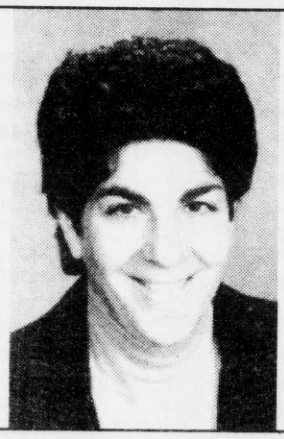

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Kowalski Moves Into Thompson's Home

CLEARWATER - Sharon Kowalski has come home. She's just moved into Karen Thompson's home in this Minnesota town, ten years after a car accident left her brain-damaged. A long court battle established Thompson's right to be her caregiver.

The house the couple occupies on the banks of the Mississippi River is handicapped accessible. Thompson says that Kowalski taught her "to live right now and live this moment to the fullest."

The legal battle that Thompson fought to win guardianship of Kowalski from her parents gained national attention, with Thompson, a professor at St. Cloud State University, saying that it was about human rights, not gay rights.

Prom Welcomes Queers

CHAPEL HILL - Believe it or not, Chapel Hill High School in North Carolina is welcoming gay and lesbian couples. But a teacher at the school says that queer couples don't quite feel comfortable identifying themselves as such.

Still, organizer Hannah Shelp says, "I have heard of a couple of couples in the gay and lesbian student support groups or friends of the group who will be going."

"There have been a lot of mixed comments," says Shelp. "I don't know how to take it all. I've heard students say it's not a big deal, but it's a big risk on the gay and lesbian part. They will get looks."

The White Coats Are Coming

SAN FRANCISCO - When thousands of psychiatrists pack the City's Moscone Center during the last week of May for the annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association, hundreds of "psychiatric survivors" will be waiting for them. And not for therapy either.

These survivors of forced electroshock treatment and psychiatric drugs will rally, protest and listen to speakers from throughout the country warn them about the "white coats." Activists plan to break the silence about what they term psychiatric human rights violations, and advocate for alternatives to traditional psychiatric methods.

The rally is at 2 pm and the protest at 5 pm, both outside the Moscone Center in San Francisco.

Frameline Honors South Asian Dyke

SAN FRANCISCO - Frameline, the sponsor of the annual Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, will honor South Asian lesbian filmmaker Pratibha Parmar at a special retrospective of her works on June 22 at the Castro Theater. The event takes place during the 17th annual International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, June 18-27.

The retrospective will include two of Parmar's rarely seen early video works—*Emergence* and *Sar Red*—as well as her most recent one, *Double the Trouble*, and an excerpt from *Khush*, her internationally acclaimed documentary on South Asian gays and lesbians in Britain, North America and India.

Parmar will be on hand to accept the award.

A 3-mi.-long funeral procession was held for Cesar Chavez, the UFW leader who formed the nation's first union, pension and medical plans for migrant farm workers. Photo by Rink

In other Frameline news, the festival organization and Fatale Video will team up to present *She's Safe*, the first-ever curated screening of lesbian safe-sex videos. The program happens during the festival this year. More details to be announced later.

Photo by Rink

MCC Dedicates Community Center

SAN FRANCISCO - The Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of San Francisco celebrated its 23rd anniversary on May 1 by opening a new MCC Community Center in the heart of the Castro district.

Guest preacher at the Festival Worship Service was Rev. Troy Perry, founder of MCC. The building at 150 Eureka St was formally dedicated with speeches by community leaders and a performance by the Lesbian and Gay Chorus of San Francisco. The new community center will provide space for groups to meet, and a garden for weddings, memorials and receptions. For more info, call (415) 863-4434.

Kinsey Director: One Percent, My Ass!

SALT LAKE CITY - The director of the Kinsey Institute agrees with the cover headline of last week's *SF Bay Times*: One Percent, My Ass!

Dr. June Reinisch, director of the Kinsey Institute at Indiana University, speaking at a University of Utah conference on sexuality and homosexuality, said, "Americans are afraid to talk about sex. Our biggest problem across the board is lack of information about sex of all kinds."

Reinisch believes that the recent Battelle Human Affairs Research Center study claiming that only one percent of American men are gay does not invalidate the Kinsey estimate of 10 percent. She says that the recent study was not intended to determine the percentage of the population that is queer. Rather, it was meant to discover how men engage in unsafe behavior. It's not fair to compare the Battelle study with the Kinsey research, Reinisch said.

And the Winners Are...

DAYTON - The American Library Association Gay and Lesbian Book Awards Committee has released the winners of the 1993 Gay/Lesbian Book Awards.

The two books are: *Making History: The Struggle for Gay and Lesbian Equal Rights, 1945-1990* by Eric Marcus; and *Ceremonies: Prose and Poetry* by Essex Hemphill.

The awards will be presented in June during a ceremony at the American Library Association Convention in New Orleans.

The Colorado Mess Continues

DENVER - It's unlikely, according to activists, that a compromise proposal to resolve the mess created by the state's anti-gay initiative will succeed. That proposal for a ballot initiative would prohibit discrimination in employment that is based on irrelevant factors such as sexual orientation.

The compromise is being offered by Denver lawyers after consultation with both business and queer community leaders. Says Marshall Kaplan, a member of the compromise organization, "We will not win the support of the extremes on either side, but we think the proposal amendment will find solid support among all the groups that want to find a middle ground."

Colorado for Family Values spokespersons don't think it will fly. Queer leaders want to wait until a legal challenge to the anti-gay Amendment 2 is resolved.

Naval Lt. Zoe Dunning resumed her duties at the Alameda Naval Air Station Wednesday after being suspended for coming out as a lesbian at a Jan. 16 rally supporting the lifting of the military ban.

Photo by Marc Geller

Thai AIDS Activist Visits Bay Area

SAN FRANCISCO - Noi Apisuk of Thailand visited the Bay Area April 29-May 1 to talk about her work with "Empower," a Bangkok-based group working with women in the sex industry of Thailand.

Apisuk won a 1992 Norwegian award for her group's efforts to educate prostitutes about safe sex and AIDS. Her visit was sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee and the International Voluntary Service. While in the Bay Area she visited with local AIDS activists working with prostitutes and with the Asian-American communities.

Apisuk told the *Nation* recently, "We want to change the image of women as the spreaders of HIV and put the onus more on the men."

Navy Agrees to Swann's Return

LOS ANGELES - The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Southern California says the Navy will return Thomas A. Swann, a civilian employee, to his previous department while the Office of Special Counsel (OSC) conducts a 45-day investigation into whether Swann was illegally transferred because of his outspokenness on the military's ban against gays and lesbians.

The ACLU filed a complaint with the OSC, an independent federal agency, on March 11, charging that the Navy engaged in prohibited personnel practices by taking retaliatory action against Swann for exercising his First Amendment rights. The OSC opened its preliminary investigation on March 31.

Military Ban Can Be Lifted

DAVIS - A scholarly review of findings from social science research published on May 4 shows that hets can overcome their prejudices and accept out gay and lesbian military personnel.

The article, "Sexual Orientation and Military Service: A Social Science Perspective," appears in the May issue of *American Pyschologist*, the official journal of the American Psychological Association. The author, Gregory M. Herek, a social psychologist at the University of California at Davis, is a national authority on heterosexuals' attitudes toward lesbians and gay men.

Writes Herek, "In the past, the military has proved itself willing and able to attack prejudice and stereotypes based on race and gender within its ranks."

Status of Women's Health Care

SAN FRANCISCO - A crucial forum dealing with the status of women's health care services in San Francisco will be held on May 20 at the Women's Building, 3543 18th St., from 7-9 pm.

The forum will address vital issues impacting all women, including ways to increase funding for breast cancer research and low-cost preventive services, domestic violence, substance abuse and chronic diseases.

Featured panelists include Marj Plumb of the Lyon-Martin Center, Lisa C. Stanley of the Iris Center, and Melissa Marsh of AIDS in Youth Advocacy Project.

Oregon: Bigotry on the Ballot Again

CORNELIUS - The battle over gay rights begins again in this Oregon town, as ballots for an anti-gay measure that would nix gay rights laws were mailed to voters.

The ballots for the anti-gay rights measure, the work of the homophobic Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA), are expected to be counted by May 18. The right-wing group is tackling the state city by city, county by county, after losing in its bid to pass a measure similar to Amendment 2 in Colorado last November.

Other OCA measures are on the June 29 ballot in five counties and at least one city. On Sept. 21, one city and one county will consider the question of banning gay rights laws. The City Council of the town of Albany has rejected the initiative for its ballot. The remaining parts of Oregon could find bigotry on the ballot by September or shortly thereafter.

Bits & Pieces

• Washington state's gay rights bill went down in defeat recently. It was the 16th year that proposed legislation to protect the rights of queers never made it to the governor's desk. The state's only out queer legislator, Rep. Cal Anderson, said "It was pretty sad. Kind of lonesome." A similar bill was also killed in Baton Rouge, La.

• Meanwhile, in Moscow, Idaho, the University of Idaho Faculty Council passed a gay rights measure that spits in the face of a proposed statewide anti-gay initiative from a fundamentalist group, the Idaho Citizens Alliance. But the Citizens Alliance doesn't have enough signatures yet to put its bigoted measure on the ballot in 1994.

• Three students at Oregon State University were arrested after they knocked down a tent where information was being offered for the school's queer pride week. The three were charged with criminal mischief.

• After weeks of threatening phone calls, ACT UP member Darlena DeBerry came back to find her mobile home ablaze. Fire officials are call-

ing it arson. The home was also burglarized, but officials declined at this point to call it a hate crime. "I am not shutting up," says DeBerry. "If anything, I'll speak out louder."

• State police in Baltimore, Md., say they will no longer ask prospective employees if they are queer. This prompted a 25-year-old lesbian, who is identified only as Jane Doe, to reapply for a position in the force. She had previously been turned down because of her sexual orientation. The change in policy is directly related to a lawsuit Doe subsequently filed.

• The wife of Puerto Rico Gov. Pedro Rossello says that homosexuality should not exclude someone from being a firefighter, police officer or member of the National Guard. Hiring should be based on qualifications, says Irma Margarita Nevarez de Rossello.

• Eighty percent of people polled by USA Today-CNN-Gallup believed that queers should have equal rights in the workplace. Forty-six percent believe civil rights law should include gays/lesbians/bisexuals. Other results: 56 percent of women think civil rights laws should be extended to queers; only 35 percent of men concur.

• Macon County (Illinois) State Attorney Larry Fichter is in hot water over a "fag" remark he made when talking about a sting operation to nab gay men cruising Decatur Park for sex. "I referred to individuals who are on public property committing criminal acts," says Fichter in response to the controversy. To date, 15 men have been arrested as part of the operation.

• Nora Dunn of "Saturday Night Live" will host an evening of gay/lesbian comedy to benefit the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) Operation Lift the Ban. Operation Pride will feature Chicago's finest lesbian and gay comics on May 24 at The Improv, 504 N. Wells. Tickets are $25. For info, call (312) 782-6387.

• Speaking of HRCF: Shelli Craver, the Midwest Coordinator for the Human Rights Campaign Fund and founder of one of the nation's largest pro-choice student groups at Ohio State University, was honored at a White House Rose Garden reception on April 20. She was one of 100 young leaders recognized for tackling problems in their communities. It's the first time an out queer was part of a White House awards ceremony.

• The mayor of Melbourne, Iowa, has come out. Though townspeople knew he was queer when he was elected, Mayor Bill Crews officially came out in a column in the *Des Moines Register* during the National March on Washington. Crews and his lover Steve returned from Washington to find their home vandalized. A longtime friend of Crew's is offering a $2,500 reward for information on the vandals.

• Get out those cute tight shorts: Saturday May 8 is the ninth annual AIDS Bike-A-Thon. Among the fundraising events happening around the Bike-A-Thon is the race with hundreds of riders zipping through the Presidio, Golden Gate Park and across the Golden Gate Bridge through Marin County. For more info, call (415) 575-1800.

• Because You're Dying to Know I: Last year an estimated 1,200 Madonna fans from around the world descended on Detroit to celebrate the Material Girl's Aug. 16 birthday. This year's event is a three-day affair with expanded activities, including the collector/memorabilia expo and a female-only (huh?) Madonna fashion show. There's even a special Northwest Airlines discount for attendees. For more info, call Bassline Entertainment, (313) 353-6681.

• Dying to Know II: *Justify My Life*, the original Madonna fanzine for the queer community, is throwing a party for fans of the Sicilian American superstar on her birthday. Madonna-Expo-De'Homo activities include Madonna memorabilia, a tattoo parlor and a Madonna museum. Everything takes place at the Hyatt Hotel and the Mondrian Hotel in West Hollywood. For info, call (818) 780-4590.

• Saturday, May 22, is the Women and Cancer Walk at 9 am in Sharon Meadow, Golden Gate Park. Speakers include Louise Renne, SF city attorney; entertainers include Melanie DeMore, Mimi Fox and Judith Kate Friedman. To participate, call (415) 487-6224.

• Fatale is set to release a new lesbian safe-sex video on June 1. Titled *Safe Is Desire*, the video is available for a special pre-release price of $34.95. Charge-by-phone accepted: 1-800-845-4617.

• The care pin is a line of jewelry that "stands for facing our fears, dealing with the real day-to-day needs of all the people affected and getting on about the business of living life" in the face of AIDS. These items include a tie pin, and an earring in the shape of a heart torn in two, one half resembling a face with a tear running from its eye. Proceeds from the sale of these items benefit The Living With...Group, a nonprofit organization that broadens the public understanding of AIDS. For info, call (617) 367-9441.

• In recognition of "our unsung heroes"—the partners, friends, family members, health care workers, service providers and volunteers who have responded with compassion in the AIDS crisis—San Francisco Mayor Frank Jordan declared May 6 as Caregivers Day.

Michael Franti performed at "An Evening of Acapella Rap & Hip-hop Poetry," the May 1 benefit for the SF Black Coalition on AIDS.

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• Students at San Francisco State University attended a public hearing by the Student Union Governing Board concerning Diana Stansberry, the only African-American vendor left at the school. Stansberry was evicted by the board on Feb. 11. Her business partner says the board "has consistently and unilaterally re-worked the language of her contract in the last three years, making it difficult for her to operate her business profitably." Her crime appears to be that she can't control consumer demand for some of her items to allow competitive advantage for other vendors. Stay tuned.

• The first palm trees went up on Market Street near Castro on April 30, National Arbor Day. The sudden appearance of the trees is part of a project that includes the Muni F-Market Historic Streetcar line. Trees will line upper Market to the Duboce Triangle.

• The 139th annual meeting of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) at Asilomar on April 23-25 endorsed a resolution from the First Unitarian Church of San Jose affirming lesbians and gay men as part of the church and its leadership. The denomination has about a million members and ordains out queers.

• National Pet Week, May 1-8, was marked locally by Pets Are Wonderful Support (PAWS), which keeps pet owners with AIDS together with their animals. The model program has received kudos from all over the country.

• The Alliance for District Elections is sponsoring a community forum May 24 on the subject of district elections of members of the board of supervisors. The forum will attempt to answer the question: Should district elections be reinstated in the City in the '90s? If you want to attend, it's at 7 pm at New College, 777 Valencia St. There's no charge.

• A gift to the University of Southern California Law Center will fund scholarships to support lesbian/gay/bisexual law students and students who plan to use their legal skills to support equal rights for queers. The fund is in the memory of Alan Holoch, a USC Law Center graduate and former faculty member. It was created by a gift of $250,000 from Richard E. Fairbanks Jr., a friend of the late professor Holoch. The first scholarship will be awarded in the fall of 1993.

• Twenty gay and lesbian professional, business and social organizations from around the nation met in New Orleans recently to establish and fund GLOBAL (Gay and Lesbian Organizations Bridging Across the Land). Its mission? To facilitate communication among its member organizations, support their growth and encourage the sharing of ideas and opportunities for professional development and social interaction.

• Stanford's annual pride week returns this year with a keynote address by ousted soldier Perry Watkins; a lecture/discussion by Michael Goff, *Out* mag founder; and a comedy night and celebration dance. It's all sponsored by BGLAD (Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Awareness Days). So be glad. Call (415) 723-1488 for more info and times.

• San Francisco artist Frank Pietronigro has completed a series of works honoring members of the lesbian/gay community. The works juxtapose images of loving lesbians and gays alongside basic American symbols such as the flag and the Statue of Liberty. The works are on exhibit throughout pride month (June 7-28) at State of the Art Gallery, 524 Hayes St.

• The Neighborhood and Community Relations Subcommittee of the San Francisco Film & Video Arts Commission donated 45 videos to the Video Film Library at the AIDS Ward of San Francisco General Hospital. The group now plans, in conjunction with the Screen Actors Guild, to provide the AIDS Ward with 12 video viewing boxes for patient rooms.

• Nine lesbian and gay scuba clubs come together Nov. 6-13 on the island of Bonaire for the second annual Diving for Life Scuba Jamboree. All proceeds go to AIDS service organizations. For more info, call (212) 366-9079.

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New Kind of HIV Antiviral: Food Spice, Cancer Drug Show Activity

Researchers at Harvard Medical School, using laboratory tests, have developed a new class of anti-HIV compounds—substances which inhibit the LTR (long terminal repeat) sequence of HIV. Three substances which might have potential were reported in the March 1993 Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, USA. One, curcumin, is the main active ingredient in turmeric, a spice used in curry and other foods; another, topotecan, is being tested in humans as a possible cancer treatment; the third, beta-lapachone, has not been tested in humans, but laboratory and animal data suggest that it might be possible to find a useful dose.

HIV is often inactive, even after it has entered a cell and become integrated in that cell's genetic machinery. (This does not contradict the recent report that HIV is active even early in the disease while there are no symptoms; the virus is active in some cells but not in others.) The LTR of HIV appears to be critically important in "turning on" the virus (causing it to produce the proteins which are assembled into new viruses, and which cause other harmful effects). The LTR also maintains viral activity after it has started, suggesting that inhibiting the LTR could slow or stop virus which has already been activated. Normally, many substances in the cells seem to be affecting the LTR—either to inhibit it and keep the virus inactive, or to activate the LTR and promote HIV growth and activity. Much is unknown about how this process works and what substances may affect it. But a drug which effectively inhibited the LTR might keep the virus inactive indefinitely—not only in acutely infected cells, but also in chronically infected cells, where AZT, ddI, etc. are largely ineffective.

Certain experimental treatments already in use in the community— pentoxifylline, NAC, and antioxidant nutrients such as beta carotene, vitamin C or vitamin E—may already be having some inhibitory effect on the HIV LTR. The Harvard work is new in that it demonstrates a way to systematically search for potential drugs which work through this particular target of HIV.

THE LAB EXPERIMENTS

The recent report described two kinds of experiments. One did not use any HIV or other virus; instead it used a genetically engineered human cell, which included a copy of the HIV LTR and also a "reporter" gene, controlled by that LTR, which creates an enzyme which could easily be detected in the laboratory. Scientists can grow this cell, and then add certain chemicals known to activate the LTR, and verify that the enzyme was indeed produced, as expected. Then they can add potential drugs, in various concentrations; if one of the drugs stops the enzyme from being produced, that drug is probably inhibiting the LTR. (Incidentally, the cells for this experiment were donated by Leonard Herzenberg, Ph.D., a Stanford researcher studying NAC, whose laboratory uses the cells in their studies of HIV activation.)

The other experiments used cells infected with HIV, to verify that the substances which showed anti-LTR activity did indeed show anti-HIV activity in the laboratory. Both acutely infected and chronically infected cells were used.

The most powerful of the three substances found may be topotecan, which was active against HIV in very small concentrations, and is reasonably well tolerated in cancer patients, according to published research. These patients tolerated 200 times the blood level of topotecan required to reduce p24 antigen production (a measure of HIV activity) by 80 percent in chronically infected cells.

Curcumin, found in the spice turmeric, was less active than topotecan. But it may be particularly important because, as one of the study's authors, Bruce J. Dezube, M.D., points out, "it is a food additive, readily available, non-toxic, and a potential benefit for developing countries." The paper points out that curcumin has been eaten for thousands of years (it is used especially in India, where turmeric is a major ingredient of curry). It has also been tested for potential pharmaceutical uses, and it has been used for various purposes in traditional Indian, Chinese and Western herbal medicine.

The third substance, beta-lapachone, had no human toxicity data available, but is well tolerated

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in mice. It was tested 20 years ago for other purposes, and abandoned. Its patent has now expired, so it may be hard to find a pharmaceutical company to develop it.

The research which found these three potential treatments is also important because it demonstrated a method which could be used to screen thousands of potential drugs to look for LTR inhibitors. Because of limited resources, this project did not screen many candidates; instead, the researchers were selective, trying to pick those they considered likely to work. About 15 potential compounds were tested to find the three listed above.

THE NEXT STEP

The next step in the development of this approach is unclear, because these three potential treatments have reached the point at which new drugs usually stop. Potential AIDS treatments developed in laboratories by well-respected scientists usually do get into scientific journals, but in most cases nothing further happens, because usually there is no drug company which has or can acquire the rights, and also has an interest in the drug, and the money and other resources available, to develop it. (The government does little drug-development work, and most of that is on drugs which companies are already testing.) Even those drugs which are ultimately successful often float around at this stage for several years, with progress largely stopped, before enough momentum develops to take them further. Of the three LTR inhibitors described above, two may be unpatentable, and the third is being developed by a company which, as far as we know, is not testing drugs for AIDS. We cannot rely on business as usual to get these substances tested.

The problem is that there is still no institution to examine potential treatments which have reached this stage, select the ones that are promising enough to begin human testing, and then quickly get that testing to happen. When an "AIDS czar" is appointed, that office may be a place to go to get this long-standing omission addressed. But this official will have a small staff and will probably focus mainly on non-technical issues; in addition, it will be hard to start anything new because of budget constraints.

Community-based research groups might be able to help. Topotecan has already been tested in people as a cancer treatment, so basic dosage and safety information is known. Various permissions would be required to test it for HIV; permissions might or might not be an obstacle. The company developing topotecan, SmithKline Beecham, is testing it for cancer but not for AIDS.

Curcumin, at least in turmeric, would certainly be accessible. However, one German paper reported that it was poorly absorbed when given orally to animals, and more active when given by intraperitoneal injection. But a study in India found protection against cancer-causing chemicals in cigarette smoke when turmeric was given orally to people. (Most of the traditional uses have been topical; one study in India, for example, reported a 97 percent cure rate for scabies with a preparation of turmeric mixed with another herb.) A community-based research organization could relatively easily review the available literature, review traditional medicinal uses, and test turmeric or curcumin in a few patients to see if it reduced viral activity. The inexpensive, commercially available acid-dissociated p24 antigen test could be used to look for an antiviral effect. Or it might be possible to use more sophisticated virological tests, through collaboration with the researchers who are developing them. If little or no effect is found, then it might be worth investigating whether curcumin could be prepared in an injectable form.

In past years, the only way the AIDS community could move a drug forward in the face of institutional neglect was to develop it as an "alternative" treatment—i.e., let it go into widespread use—in the hope that if there were any substantial value it would be noticed, and if not, the substance would be retired through the usual "drug of the month" process. Hopefully we can do better today. ✿

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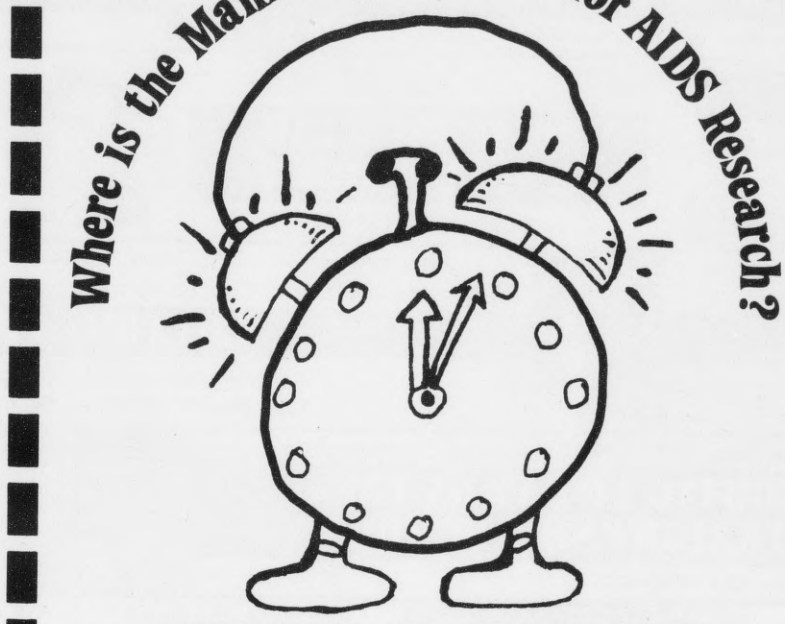

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(astrology)

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Taurus Attractions

After a long moody retrograde in Cancer, Mars has been proceeding forward and has recently entered Leo. This means six weeks of bold progress and general vivacity in most endeavors. But no promises of smooth sailing. Exuberance is a wonderful thing, but everybody is giving more than their usual share, and you can bet that that means egos are up on the front lines. Expect variations on the theme of, "Move over, tramp! My project is important!" Well, this week Mars is sextile to expansive Jupiter, which is in the cooperative sign of Libra. At best, we can learn now how to coordinate individual goals to synergistic benefits. At worst, the previously stated theme will just be expressed more diplomatically. Now, would you please excuse me, dear? I must get on with this horoscope!

SUN SIGNS: CUSP ALERT!

Yes, sun sign astrology is a crude generalization of a highly specific craft, and yes, I am pandering to the lowest tastes of the greatest numbers. (But please leave my sex life out of this!) The division of the specific planetary effects described in this column is not strictly by sign, but is rather a few days off. ***If you were born in the first five days of your sun sign, your correct forecast is actually in the preceding sign, not your own.***

ARIES: You generally live by the dictum, "Boring people have immaculate homes." And who can blame you if you typically have something more interesting to do than housecleaning? But right now you are on a tear to clean up and make your place just as spiffy as can be. Ummm, either that or you're putting a lot of energy into dealing with family matters. (As for me, I'd rather be dusting!) On the other hand "family matters" could include taking the children of your clan out to some educational event. Museums, zoos, and ball games could be considered educational... Nobody's ever accused your sign of being reclusive, but right now an introspective streak adds to your charm.

TAURUS: Your mouth is running a mile a minute these days, but it can be running some wonderful stuff. Beyond mere verbosity you're also enjoying a run of creativity. You may do yourself—and posterity—a favor by shifting that energy from your mouth to your fingers and writing down or drawing out some of the ideas that you're so eager to express. Torn between a comforting solitude and the buzz of society, you may find either a friendly intimacy among a few really good friends you can really open up to, or surprising sensitivity (your own and others') within a crowd. Either or both.

GEMINI: This is an excellent time to invest in your home, or even in a new home. This is also the perfect time to work on making your work space more conducive to earning, especially if you work at home. Opportunity comes quickly, and you'll instinctively know when to grasp it. Until the 10th, you have a special boost from friends who know your capacities and want to help promote you. This is a pump you can prime by letting them know what kind of opportunities you're seeking, and to what positions you'd like to advance. You may worry that you sound a bit bossy and demanding, but oddly that comes off as a bit endearing—but only until the 10th!

CANCER: After a long stretch of cantankerousness and dithering, you're finally charging full speed ahead. Your recent energy boost is now bringing you good luck, but as fast as you're running, you find your mouth running a few steps ahead. Dangerous though that sounds, the aspects now offer a lot of opportunity through the conversations and negotiations that are opening up for you. This is a great time to promote yourself. You're now able to combine charm and authority, and to mingle and express yourself with unusual fluency. Like your ruler, the Moon, you're very changeable, so take advantage while you're running on full.

LEO: Keep your cash and cards under lock and key. Your inner demons want to take you on a mad spending spree. Actually, if the phantoms of your inner self are so eager to go shopping, a phantom shopping spree may be just the ticket. Go through catalogs and brochures, or go on a mad window-shopping binge and pretend to buy up everything your heart desires. Or sit down with pencil and paper and write down all the things you'd buy with your first million. Part of the game is to get your values and priorities in order so you don't have to "spend" all the money selfishly. Considering your favorite charities will also be worthwhile.

VIRGO: You're now enjoying tremendous popularity on various fronts, and likely on more than a few backsides as well. If you have any political ambitions at all, this is the time to move! Your friends are eager to act on your behalf. You may even be amazed at the energy they're willing to put out for you. Speaking of putting out, you also have a sudden rush of charm that could talk a sausage out of its casing or a clam out of its shell. You could use that to rack up more political points or use it just to rack up. One does not exclude the other. Politics makes strange bedfellows, but bedfellows can also make very interesting politics.

LIBRA: You're usually good at playing a supporting role, but for now you get to be the star. There's a part of you that longs for Garbo-esque solitude, but something is propelling you into the limelight. Focusing on your inner reserves will help you to make the most of all this attention you're getting. Paradoxically, your hidden assets are a primary draw for much of that attention. Your partner is trying to be especially supportive right now, but you sense a bit of a bite behind the graceful words. Try to accept the supportive intent behind any criticism, but don't be shy about standing up for yourself.

SCORPIO: You're in a playfully expressive mood these days, but expressing yourself more forcefully than you realize. We usually think of the scorpion lying low and making quick, quiet, surgical strikes, but right now you're about as subtle as a Three Stooges Marathon. Fortunately, you're a great deal more insightful. All this back and forth can be extremely educational. You have an awful lot to teach, but remember that you also have a great deal to learn, and a lot to gain on either side of that equation. Also be careful with your shrewder observations. Although you are being especially charming these days, your playful wit can also sting unintentionally.

SAGITTARIUS: You're just itching for a challenge, and you're sure to get it! It will be even bigger than you expect, but not bigger than you can handle. An unexpected (and perhaps mixed) blessing is that you will come out of it looking invincible and perhaps even utterly rapacious. While you revel in such appearances and even look good that way, you could go over the line and easily become overbearing. Yes, even more easily than usual. It will help to soften your image if you play at some creative endeavors, preferably of a domestic nature. Cooking and domesticity always did make you look and feel sexier.

CAPRICORN: This is an ideal time for a honeymoon. Take the one you love on some kind of adventure. If you can't get away, you could create adventure without going far, or even at home. It may well be that you need to discuss some issues and this is an ideal time to do that too. In fact, right now it's hard for you to shut up. If there is nobody special in your life, this is a great time to find someone, by doing something new, adventurous or explorative; perhaps a new class, or some novel outing. Although love awaits you in new territories, you look best now in the role of a homebody.

AQUARIUS: You've been working awfully hard lately. It will get easier in the next few weeks, but right now you're putting an awful lot of yourself into it! Your energy is high and you're up to just about any challenge, which is indeed good because you are now very well challenged! This is an excellent time to hone your skills and conquer any enemies, internal or otherwise. Your greatest danger now is that you may succumb to the encouragement of others. Trust in your own instincts and know your own limits. Until May 10 you're especially poetic and charming, and could even make some money with your honeyed eloquence.

PISCES: Lately you've been one flying fish! Mars has been in your house of fun and games lighting a fire of creativity and delight. Depending on when your birthday is, that energy is soon to shift from play to work, perhaps leaving some of your friends feeling stranded. (Pisces' friends should know better than to try to first guess the fish!) Right now your creative energies are peaking and shining toward a wonderful partnership. It could be a creative joining such as Gilbert and Sullivan, a passionate meeting of souls a la Chopin and Sand, or a dizzying romp like Ren and Stimpy. Get your "Happy! Happy! Joy! Joy!" while you can. ✿

THE SAN FRANCISCO
BAY TIMES CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE BAY AREA

coming UP

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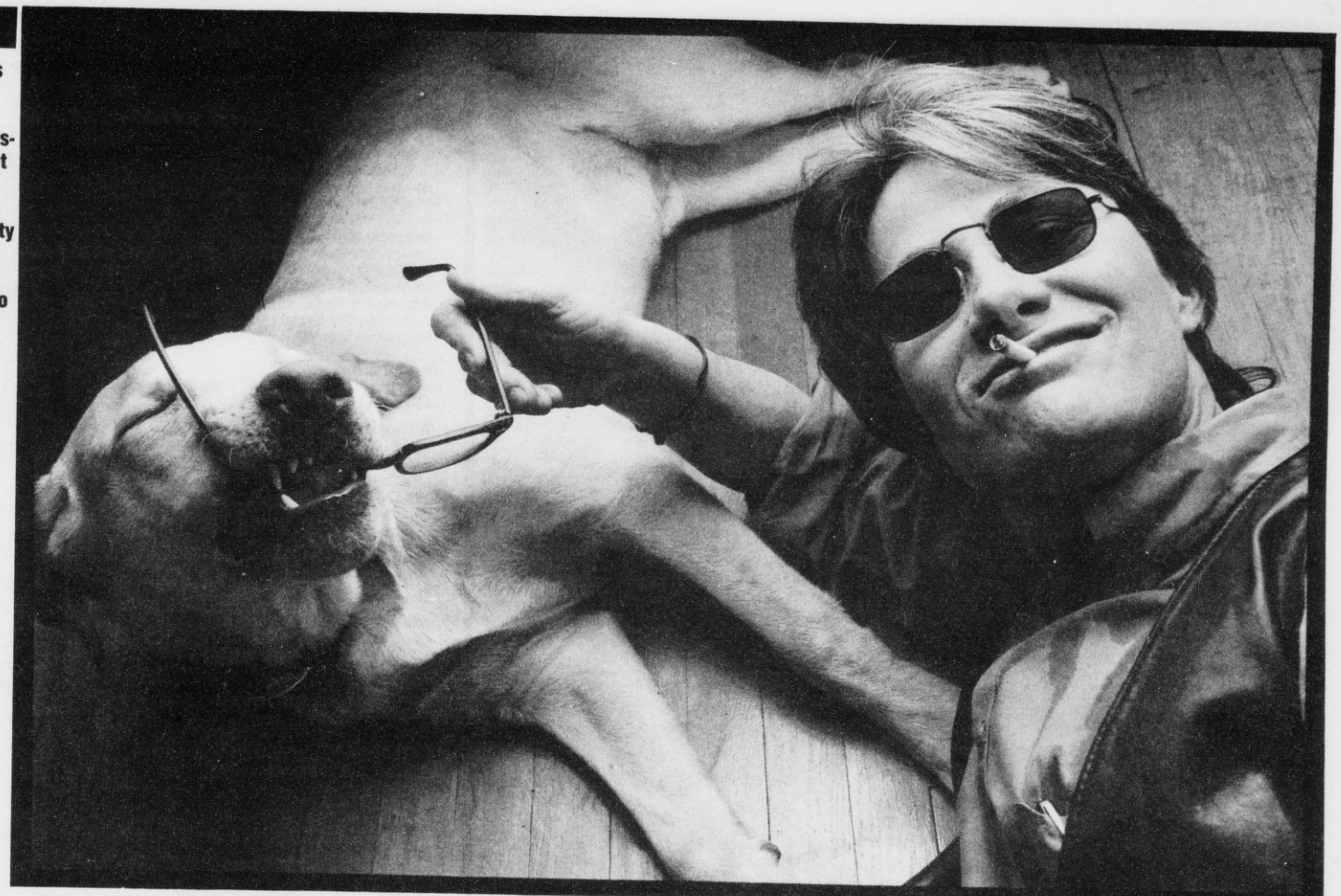
Penny Perkins performs her new work, "What Is a Lesbian Date?" at Red Dora's Bearded Lady May 7-8. Plenty of laughs and comic talent will abound, so don't miss. Calendar has details.



MAY 6 / T H U

See *The Honeymoon Killers,* the 1968 cult film, a pseudo-documentary about a truth-as-stranger-than-fiction glimpse into an incident that took place in 1951. The film was a major influence for John Waters' *Female Trouble*. Screens tonight thru 5/9, 7 & 9:30 pm at 1800 Square Feet, 719 Clementina St, SF. Tix $5. Info/res: 255-8510.

Cuba Caravan Benefit Concert at La Pena, with K'autu (Andean pipes music) and Kaleidoscope Multicultural Theater (African, Latin & Polynesian music and dance). 7-11 pm, $7-12 SL donation. La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Proceeds benefit the purchase & transportation of humanitarian aid for the Cuban caravan leaving in July. Spons by the US-Cuba Friendship/Bay Area. Info: (415) 337-6746 or (510) 849-2568 (La Pena).

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Author Isabel Allende reads from her new novel *Infinite Plan*. 7:30 pm. 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: Pornography—Smut or Eros? Come share your opinions. All women are welcome. Info: Lynn (408) 737-9229 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.

Betty Bethards, mystic, healer and author of *The Dream Book* and *Be Your Own Guru* lectures on "How to Find Your Life Purpose," at Ft Mason Center Bldg A, SF. 8 pm, $9 gen'l, $6 srs & youth. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: Inner Light Foundation (707) 765-2200.

"Cooking With Ajax" & "Fragile" at Theatre Bernice. OnStage has info. Photo by Mendy Lowe

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Dena Taylor & Amber Coverdale Sumrall, co-editors of the new anthology, *The Time of Our Lives: Women Write on Sex After 40*, join contributors for a reading of erotic, proud, serious & fun tales of sex from authors ranging in age from 40-80 of various sexual identities & practices. 8 pm. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676.

Wayne Corbitt in "Blackbirds Boogie in the Black Moonlight," at Josie's Cabaret. Corbitt, "a proud homoradical poet & performance artist," author of the acclaimed "Crying Holy," and "The Gospel According to Wayne," performs "Blackbirds," a narrative reflection of a person with HIV on his past as a slutty Black bottom in the SF leather scene. From back alley sidetracks fueled by crystal meth to quiet, full-frontal exposures of one man's colossal loss from the AIDS epidemic. Show plays Wed-Sun at 8 pm, thru 5/9. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

At Old Wives Tales Bookstore: Contributors from the new anthology, *The Time of Our Lives: Women Write on Sex After 40*, edited by Dena Taylor and Amber Coverdale Sumrall, read from their stories. Erotic, proud, serious & fun tales of women living full sexual lives after age 40. 8 pm. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676.

May Day Film & Video Fest continues at ATA Gallery (see 5/3). Tonight's schedule: *Alaska Health Issues & Indigenous Peoples* by the traditional DENA:INA Health Committee studies the effects of vaccine treatment on indigenous peoples suffering from hepatitis.

MAY 7 / F R I

Women's Country Western Class & Dance: 7 & 9 pm tonight and 5/14. Eastbay location. Info: Gerri (510) 428-2144.

"Connect Your Light Grid," a talk with Cheryl Whiteford at Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. 7 pm, free. Info: 775-0227.

Shabbat Gathering of Jewish lesbians, bisexual women & their women friends: Join us in letting go of the week & your work; bring in the Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! Bring a substantial vegetarian potluck dish. Please wear no scents. Eastbay location this month. Location/directions: (510) 601-5192. Information: (415) 821-4009.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Mystery Week panel with mystery writers Janet Dawson, John Lescroart, Shelley Singer and Joel Quigley. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

At Mama Bears: "Women En Large: Images of Fat Women," slideshow with photographer Laurie Edison and writer Debbie Notkin; discussion of fat oppression and fat liberation. 8 pm, $6-8. Women only. Info/reg: (510) 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

Mother's Day Performance Weekend at Studio 2505: Headliner Grace Walcott, with additional solo performances by Kate Perry, Roberta D'Alois, Regina Brunig, Charles E Polly and Suzan Kendall. A look at mothers and the ways they touch those close to them. 8 pm tonight-5/9, Sun matinee at 2 pm (starring Charles Polly and Suzan Kendall performing *Twyla's Boy*). Tix $10. Studio 2505, 2505 Mariposa St, nr 17th & Harrison, SF. Info/res: (510) 653-3868.

Wayne Corbitt in "Blackbirds Boogie in the Black Moonlight," at Josie's Cabaret, see 5/6.

What Is a Lesbian Date? New York City writer Penny Perkins performs her new work at Red Dora's Bearded Lady, 485 14th at Guerrero, SF. Perkins is joined by fashion philosopher Elissa Perry, feminist muckrakers Masha Gessen & Robin Stevens, Django Whiteboy Craig Ventresco, muscle-pie Nancy Boutillier, tendereenies Rebekah Eisenberg & Yvette Gomez, plus dry Pam Russell. Assassinationologist Kris Kovick will read and emcee. 8 pm, $5. No plastic, no poetry. Info: Kris Kovick 282-3451.

"So...You Wanna Be a Stripper?" plays at 1800 Sq. Feet starting May 7. See OnStage for details. Photo by Helga Sigvaldadottir

Margie Adam in concert, a celebration of her new release on Pleiades Records, "Another Place." 8 pm at the Oakland Museum, James Moore Theatre. ASL interpretation by Marilyn Van Veerson, theatre is wheelchair accessible. For tix call (510) 762-BASS.

At Mama Bears: "Women en Large," photos of fat women. Photographer Laurie Edison and writer Debbie Notkin discuss their work and issues of fat oppression & fat liberation. 8 pm, $6-8. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

20 Years of Mourning: A performance by Linda Montano, the third event in The LAB's "Love & Hate" series, a monthly series of performance & interviews featuring artists & writers who use performance to expand feminist theory, incite eroticism, subvert politics & interrogate gendered subject positions. 8 pm, $6. The LAB Gallery, 1807 Divisadero St, SF. Info/res: 346-4063.

Dyke Cum Fag: A Radical Sex Adventure presented by Victoria Baker & Neon Weiss. "Behind the Screen Door," performed by Victoria Baker, "celebrates the joy, passion & transcendence that can happen when dykes & fags do leathersex together; it questions the validity of outside authority over one's sexual practices, and the nature of identity based on those practices." Neon Weiss' "I Only Fuck My Friends," presents an inside view of the adventures of a dyke stud on the sexual frontier—playing with boys & girls, exploring intimacy, learning from fag friends to feel the fire of pure lust & sensuality, and bringing her newfound freedoms & skills to the lesbian community. 8:30 pm, $10-5 SL donation. 848 Community Space, 848 Divisadero at McAllister, SF. Info: 824-8428.

May Day Film & Video Fest at ATA Gallery continues (see 5/3) with a collection of archival films from members of the 1930s Film & Video League, such as *The Modesto Case*, a 1938 film portraying the frame-up of left union activists in the bombing of a refinery during a strike and a Chuck Jones 1944 Roosevelt election campaign cartoon for the UAW-CIO PAC, plus *The Strange Case of Tom Mooney*, a film about labor legend Mooney, falsely imprisoned for 20 years on charges of bombing a parade celebrating the US's entry into WWI.

Lesbian Seagulls Trip—Register early, see 5/16.

Comedy at Josie's Cabaret with Suzy Berger & Doug Holsclaw, two of SF's most hilarious queer comics. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Skirts: new improv/comedy group (Andrea Leigh, Juliette Marshall, Giovanka Steele, Liz White) at The Marsh. Fridays thru 5/28 at 10:30 pm at The Marsh, 1062 Valencia near 22nd, SF. Tix $7. Info/res: 641-0235.

MAY 8 / S A T

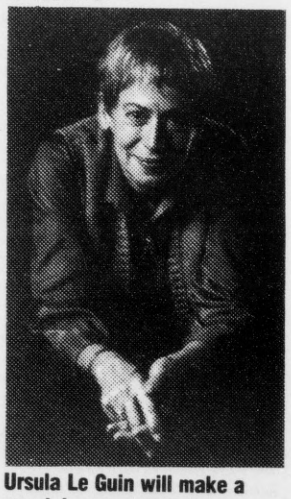
Strawberry Canyon Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: From UC Berkeley campus, take Piedmont Ave/Gayley Road to Stadium Rim Way. Go east (uphill) past tennis courts, botanical gardens and Lawrence Hall of Science. Take a sharp right to Space Sciences Bldg (sign is on left). Meet 9 am in the parking lot. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

AIDS Bike-A-Thon spons by Different Spokes/SF. Annual event raises funds for AIDS organizations (raised $2 million thus far). This year's ride features a new 12-mile course in SF in addition to the 25-mile route. A metric century ride (63 miles) and a 100 mile route also starts in SF, then goes across the Golden Gate Bridge thru Marin County, before ending back in SF. All rides begin & end at the home-site near the Golden Gate Bridge, in the Presidio. Entry fee $18. Weekend registration booths are staffed at various Bay Area locations; the main booth is at the corner of 18th & Castro St, SF. For more info or to register call 575-1800.

2nd Annual Mellow Spring Walk on Mt Tamalpais, with SF Hiking Club: Moderate, locally strenuous. Distance 6.5 miles, elevation gain 1200 ft, of which 1000 ft is in the mile btwn Van Wyck Meadow and Mountain Theater, the rest is gentle or downhill. Rountrip auto distance 40 miles, $7 per car includes bridge toll (to be shared among passengers). Bring lunch & water. Rain cancels. Meet 9:15 am under the big Safeway sign at Market & Dolores, SF (cars must leave no later than 9:30). Info: Joseph Itiel 647-0574.

"Good Grief: Grieving in the Time of AIDS & Other Catastrophic Illnesses," a workshop offered by Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) as part of their "3-R" programming series (Real, Real Relevant). Hospice of Contra Costa's Val Cookson discusses services offered by the hospice; Judi Baltzo, hospice bereavement coordinator, conducts an interactive workshop on dying, death & grieving. Workshop is free, though $5 donation would be appreciated. 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Info: (510) 827-2960.

Intro to S/M, Part I: Taught by Sybil Holiday & William Henkin. Spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of educational & artistic classes for the s/m community. Class topics include: What is S/M? How can those in control know they haven't gone too far? How can those giving up control feel safe? Each student receives a 20-pg handout that includes definitions, a resource guide & a safety manual. Doors open at 12:30 pm, class 1-5:30 pm in a private SF space. $25 for part I only, $40 for two parts, $55 for all 3 parts. Men & women of all sexual orientations are welcome. Info: 550-7776.



Ursula Le Guin will make a special appearance at Women's Philharmonic concert on May 8. See Calendar.

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GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective) Mtg: Features humor writing & reading.

"Dyke Cum Fag," a radical sex adventure by Victoria Baker (left) & Neon Weiss, May 7 & 8. Calendar has info.

3 pm. Info/location: Jon Sugar 731-2424.

Country in the Woods, Russian River: Grand opening party at The Woods resort, spons by the Redwood Empire Horsemans Association. All-you-can-eat BBQ at 5 pm; free dance lessons at 6 pm; dance at 7 pm with door prizes, lots of fun! $3 cover. Also Sunday T-dance and free dance lessons! For details call: 1-800-47-WOODS or 1-800-767-1759.

Leaving Town Alive: John Frohnmayer shares his experiences as chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, an education in power politics that ended with his firing and a storm of controversy. He discusses frankly the bitter political battles, the Bush Administration's disregard for art, and his own transformation from a First Amendment moderate to a free speech radical. 6 pm at Printers Inc Bookstore, call 327-6500 for time & other info.

Africans in the Diaspora: An evening of African and African American culture at Calvin Simmons Theatre. A dance, music & arts festival. 7 pm. African Marketplace open at 6 pm. Oakland Convention Center, 10 10th St, Oakland. Performances by Ogene Ensemble, Harambee Dance Ensemble, Phavia Kujichagulia & Wainright, African Higlife Messengers International, Zulu Spear, Bantaba Dance Ensemble and others. Tix $10 adv, $13 at door, $5 kids under 12. Tix at BASS (510) 762-BASS.

Art Show & Reading by women who are adopted. For everyone interested in and affected by identity, adoption and art. 7 pm, $5-20 SL donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1777 Yosemite Ave #4F, SF. If you are an adoptee and would like to read, perform or show your artwork call Amy at 647-1492.

Diablo Dancers Square Dance: Graduation Dance—Diablo Dancers welcome lesbians & gay men to a night of vigorous mainstream and plus-level dancing with national caller Harlan Kerr. 7:30-10:30 pm, $5. First Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 3039 Willow Pass Road, Concord. Info: (510) 724-7365.

Northern Calif CLOUT (Christian Lesbians Out) meets at 7:30 pm at Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church, 1329 7th Ave (btwn Irving & Judah), SF, for a musical dessert potluck. Program: Short business meeting, discussion of the upcoming national CLOUT conference, special guests from the national More Light Conference. Bring your favorite desserts & musical instruments.

"What's Wrong With This Picture?" May 7-9. See Calendar. Photo by David Michalek

At Modern Times Bookstore: Ana Castillo reads from her new novel, *So Far From God*, a fascinating portrait of five women in a Southwestern family. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

A Wild Night is Calling: Eve of storytelling, music & dance on the theme of the wild woman, inspired by Clarissa Pinkola Estes' *Women Who Run with the Wolves*. Presented by the dance collective Dakini and friends, including members of *The Cairo Cats* and *Tokenki*. 8 pm, $10. Berkeley Moving Arts, 2200 Parker at Fulton, Berkeley.

Going to the Source to stop domestic violence. A dance benefit for MOVE, an organization helping straight & gay men learn alternatives to violence. Features music by Metta Mix, formerly of the Cafe. 8-11:30 pm at Southern Exposure, 401 Alabama at 17th St (Project Artaud), SF. Tix $10-15 SL donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: 777-4496.

Movie Night with Girth & Mirth Club of SF: 8 pm, $3. See *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*. Club provides finger foods & drink. Info: 824-0260. 401 Twin Peaks Blvd, SF.

At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse: Night of music and comedy with singer Monica Grant and comedy duo Dos Fallopia (Peggy Platt & Lisa Koch). Doors open at 8 pm, concert at 8:30. Tix $8-11. Info: (408) 293-9372. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose.

At Mama Bears: Night of torch & blues with Teresa Chandler. 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. Info/res: (510) 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

The Women's Philharmonic & Oakland Symphony Chorus in concert, with guest appearance by Ursula Le Guin & Elinor Armer. Emily Hsieh, piano, JoAnn Falletta, conductor. Program: Amy Beach, "Piano Concerto," Cindy Cox, "Cathedral Spires," Lili Boulanger, "Psalm 24," Elinor Armer/Ursula Le Guin, "The Great Instrument of the Geggerets." Tix $29, $22, $15. Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley. For tix/info call CalPerformances (510) 642-9988.

At Mama Bears: Concert with Teresa Chandler. Torch & blues. 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Wayne Corbitt in "Blackbirds Boogie in the Black Moonlight," at Josie's, see 5/6.

Bi Women's Night Out: Join women from Bi-Friendly & the Bi-Women's Support Group for a night out dancing. Meet 9:30 pm at Cafe San Marcos to carpool down to Girl Spot. Info: Valerie 641-1308.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Tom Ammiano, Mark Davis & Michael Tee. 10 pm, $10. 3586 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

At Kimo's Showroom: Tons of fun with Miss Stephanie Miller, *The Hand Maidens* and Mr Bill Lafranchi. Showtimes: 10 pm & midnight. Tix: $5 cover, 1 drink minimum. Adv tix recommended, and available at Kimo's. 1351 Polk St, SF. Info: 885-4535.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Tribe 8* and *Sex Drums*. 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

MAY 9 / SUN

A Trip to Filoli: Spons by UCSF AIDS Health Project. HIV-positive people are welcome to join the Project for a tour of Filoli, the peninsula estate which was featured in the opening shots of "Dynasty". Tour followed by pinic at Huddart County Park. Meet 10 am at Market Street Safeway, SF to carpool—look for the rainbow flag. Bring a picnic lunch, soft drinks are provided. $3 donation for drivers. Info/RSVP: Terry 922-6655.

"Madine Ish's Snapshots From the Asylum," May 6-30 at the Marsh.

Mother's Day Celebration: Benefit champagne brunch with Tillie Olsen. Music provided by Lichi Fuentes and Rafael Manriquez, hosted by Dr Helen Rodriquez-Trias. 11 am-2 pm at 3033 Dana St at Prince, Berkeley. Childcare provided. Wheelchair Accessible. Tix $25, proceeds benefit the Committee for Health Rights in Central America (CHRICA). Info/res: 431-7760.

Country in the Woods at the Russian River, see 5/8 listing for details!

Mother's Day Celebration with Anne Bluethenthal & Dancers at SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. 1 pm, free. Info: 346-6040 ext 3062.

8th Wally Look-A-Like Contest & Benefit Birthday Party: Annual fundraiser for the AIDS Emergency Fund, held on Mother's Day at Watering Hole Saloon, SF; 2-5 pm.

"My coming out journey as the mother of a gay son," a talk by Ruth Rus, co-founder of P-FLAG Grand Rapids, Michigan; at tonight's meeting of P-FLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) SF at St Francis Luthern Church, 152 Church St at Market, SF. 2-4 pm. Info: 921-8850.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective) meets at 3 pm. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Father Robert L Arpin, a Catholic priest with AIDS and author of *Wonderfully, Fearfully Made*, a collection of letters on living with hope, understanding and love, reads from his work at 3:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Salsa Garden Party at El Rio with *Cubanacan*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Staged Readings presented by Perform Theatre: "Run," by Alex Adams. It's 1969. A young man tries to convince an army psychiatrist that he is unfit for the military. The psychiatrist has other plans. 4:30 pm, free. Perform Theatre, 28 Paul Drive, San Rafael. Info: 492-9752.

Gays & Lesbians in Planning Group meets for potluck dinner in SF. 6 pm. Dinner followed by presentation by Tom Nolan, former San Mateo County supervisor and new executive director of SF Planning & Urban Research Association. For info/directions call Jim 285-0910. All gays, lesbians & bisexuals are welcome.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Dorothy Allison reads from her acclaimed novel, *Bastard Out of Carolina*, in celebration of its paperback publication. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Wayne Corbitt in "Blackbirds Boogie in the Black Moonlight," at Josie's Cabaret, see 5/6. Final performance!

MAY 10 / MON

Thank God I'm a Lesbian: Uplifting and entertaining documentary about the diversity of lesbian identities, by Laurie Colbert & Dominique Cardona. Film uses the testimony of writers Sarah Schulman, Dionne Brand & Nicole Broussard, musician Lee Pui Ming, and many other prominent women to frankly & articulately address issues ranging from coming out, racism, bisexuality and s/m to the evolution of the feminist & lesbian movements, outing, compulsory heterosexuality and lesbian literature. Film includes diverse & often contradictory points of view. Screens today thru 5/16 at the Castro Theatre, 429 Castro St, SF.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret, with emcee Amy Boyd. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign up by phone. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

MAY 11 / TUE

Thank God *I'm A Lesbian*—documentary at the Castro Theatre, see 5/10.

Marin Hike 'n' Bike Club Pizza Party: 6:30 pm at the Corte Madera Round Table, back party room. Directions: Take the Paradise/Tamalpais exit off 101, head west (toward Corte Madera) briefly and turn left at the first traffic light. Continue left around the bend, as if you were going to Bianco Cadillac; Round Table is on the south side of the street. Bring $10 cash for pizza, soft drinks & contribution toward malings. Info/RSVP Tom 488-0156.

Adoption for Lesbian/Gay/Bi Families: Panel spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services Parenting Program. Diverse panel composed of gay adoptive parents, DDS rep and private adoption agency rep address adoption issues/experiences for alternative families. Learn about the public and private adoption processes. 7-9 pm, $10 per person. 1748 Market St, Ste 201, SF. Info/res: Cynthia Chan 565-7674.

"The Alexander Technique & a New Kind of Harmony," presentation by Petra Pullen at Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. 7 pm, free. Info: 775-0227.

Cuban Women Today: Talk by Elsa Agramonte, member of the Federation of Cuban Women, on the gains and challenges facing Cuban women. Agramonte is a Afro-Cuban lawyer who has worked with the UN and Non-Aligned Movement on women's issues and is currently writing a book on Black women in Cuba. 7 pm tonight at Dwinelle Hall, UC Berkeley; 5:30 pm tmw at Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St, SF. Event is open to all viewpoints, ample time given for discussion. Info: (510) 633-1581.

Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Evita" May 11-23. OnStage has details.

Gay Men's Sketch: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by performer Andy Tabbat. 7 pm. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.

Queer Performance Class with Keith Hennessy. Fag and dyke specific performance classes. Combine improv, composition & technique to make live, honest art. Risky/safe space to investigate questions of class, beauty, sexuality, language, race, gender, form & community. Being queer is experience enuf. Bisexuals & transgenders are welcome!

Athol Fugard's comedy "People Are Living There," May 14-30. See Calendar.

Schedule: 5/13-6/24, queer women only, at DanceGround Keriac. 5/11-6/22, queer men only, at 848 Divisadero. $10 per class, $50-80 series, or pay what you can. Info/res: 885-2003.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Panel discussion on the interplay of race, ethnic and gender identities in the film, *The Crying Game*. Panelists: Transgender activist Susan Stryker; UC Berkeley Celtic Studies' David Lloyd; Frameline's Carol Knapper; actor/filmmaker Desi Del Valle. 7:30 pm, $3-7 SL donation. Proceeds benefit the Gay/Lesbian Historical Society and Transgender Nation. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Emmy Award-winning author Peter Lefcourt reads from his new romance, *The Dreyfus Affair*. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

"Be Your Own Financial Manager," a lecture by Eric Tyson at SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF 7:30 pm, $12. Info: 346-6040 ext 3035.

"In Search of the Erotic Self," presentation with Matthew Simmons, part of Eros' Sex/Life series. 7:30-10 pm, $15. Eros, Center for Safe sex, 2051 Market St at Church, SF. 7:30-10 pm, $15. Info: 864-3767.

"The Joy of Food Sex," with John Caravantes. Presented as part of Eros' Sex/Life series. 7:30-10 pm, $15. 2051 Market St at Church, SF. Info: 864-3767.

"Bottoms Up: Bar Hopping Queers of the Silver Screen," Daniel Mangin brings his film & comment show to Josie's Cabaret. Show looks at what happens when Hollywood's homosexuals get inside gay bars; it's an entertaining sequel to Mangin's acclaimed, "Psycho Killers & Twisted Sisters," looking at 50 lesbian & gay bar scenes from Hollywood and international films. 8 pm, $6. Show plays tonight & 5/18 & 25. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Shopping in Space: A panel discussion with Nayland Blake, Glen Helfand, Camille Roy and Elizabeth Young on the "Blank Generation" American writing movement. 8 pm, $6. The LAB Gallery, 1807 Divisadero St, SF. Info: 346-4063.

MAY 12 / WED

Thank God *I'm A Lesbian*—film at the Castro, see 5/10.

Gail Tsukiyama reads from *Women of the Silk*, the story of Pei & Lin and their struggle for economic independence in 1920s China. Noon at UCSF Toland Hall, 533 Parnassus Ave, SF. Free.

Author Eddy L Harris (Mississippi Solo, Native Stranger) reads from his latest book, *South of Haunted Dreams: A Ride Through Slavery's Old Back Yard*, about his travels through the South. 12:30-1:30 pm at Alexander Book Company, 50 2nd St, SF. Info: 495-2992.

Project Share Monthly Mtg: Informational gathering for Oakland and Berkeley residents interested in finding shared housing or sharing their home. 2:30 pm at 3102 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-9030.

Cuban Women Today: Talk by Elsa Agramonte of the Federation of Cuban Women, see 5/11.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Author Linnea Due reads from *Life Savings*, her new novel about real estate speculation and the lives of 40-something lesbians in Berkeley. 6:30 pm. 519 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Midlife & Menopause: Reading/discussion with Jo Milgrom & Lois Silverstein at The Tea Spot Cafe, 2072 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Open mike at 6:30 pm, readings begin at 7:30 pm. Dinner & open mike sign up available at 6 pm. Info: (510) 848-7376.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force) meets 6:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.

Lesbian Uprising! Book Group discusses *Lives of Courage: Women for a New South Africa* by Diana Russell. Social at 6:30 pm, discussion starts at 7. Info/location: 664-3240.

At Mama Bears: "Treating Memory Loss with Herbs," a discussion with Karyn Sanders, herbalist/medicine mak-

er with a clinical practice in Oakland. Presentation followed by question and answer period. 7 pm, $3. Women only. No one turned away for lack of funds. Info/res: (510) 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

Lesbian Erotic Video Screening: Ponygirl Productions introduces their new video, *Et L'amour*, featuring Joanna Morse & Gentry Lane at a special sneak preview fundraiser at the Eye Gallery, 1511 Mission St, btwn 7th & 8th, SF. 7-9 pm, $10-25 donation. Screenings 7:20-8:20 pm. Everyone welcome. Info: (510) 526-2471 or (510) 524-4650.

Bi Women's Support Group: 7-9 pm mtg. Come meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. Valerie: 641-1308.

Mother's Day Show at Freight & Salvage, with Kathy Kallick & Suzy Thompson. 11 am. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761.

Recovery Theater presents a performance of healing stories by people in recovery/discovery/uncovery. 7:30 pm, $5 suggested donation. Women's Building, 3543 18th St btwn Valencia & Guerrero, SF.

"Men Touching," with John Sabel. Guided exploration of the heart/cock connection. Part of Eros' Sex/Life series. 7:30-10 pm, $20. 2051 Market St at Church, SF. Info: 864-3767.

Peninsula P-FLAG: Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays mtg at 7:30 pm. Tonight's topic: Gay History, and Why March? Safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Gay, lesbian & bisexual persons are welcome to attend. First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 270-8182.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Poets Anita Green and Leslie Simon read from their work. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Basic Square Dance Class taught by Western Star Dancers, a square dance club serving the lesbian & gay community & friends. 7:30 pm Wednesdays at Eureka Valley Rec Center, Collingwood btwn 18th & 19th, SF. First two classes are free. Schedule: 5/12, new basic class; 5/19, second free class; 5/26, registration closes.

Sexually Dominant Women's Wkshop at Good Vibrations: For women who suspect they belong "on top" but aren't quite sure how to get there. Lady Green demonstrates the fundamentals of erotic power play from a female top's perspective. Topics include: Basic negotiating strategies, techniques for physical & emotional safety and pleasure. Lady Green, a mild-mannered advertising copywriter by day, hopes to encourage women to cultivate their commanding side. Workshop costs $20, attendees must pre-register, call 974-8980 for info/res. Wkshop begins at 8 pm. 1210 Valencia St at 23rd, SF.

Scott Jordan in "Growing Up Gay on the Straight Side of Town," musical comedy & monologue written & performed by cabaret performer Scott Jordan with musical direction by Tom Shaw. Jordan is a long-term AIDS survivor who began a successful cabaret career in NYC before forced into a premature retirement by the epidemic. He has returned to the stage after a five year hiatus. 8 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Women's Comedy/Music at Freight & Salvage with Dos Fallopia and Monica Grant. 8 pm. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-1761. Don't miss!

At Faster Pussycat! *Spokepoker.* 9 pm. Partial benefit for WAC. The Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. Info: Pussycat Hotline 561-9771.

MAY 13 / T H U

Thank God *I'm A Lesbian*—film at the Castro, see 5/10.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Joan Marler interviews Penny Rosenwasser on being a woman of power & vision, part of ClaireLight's ongoing "Women to Women" conversation series. 7 pm, $6-10. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Tony Kushner, playwright/author (*Angels in America*) reads from his own work at 7:30 pm at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons by SF State University Poetry Center. $5. Info: 338-2227.

Comedy duo Dos Fallopia at Josie's May 13-15. See Calendar.

Corporal Punishment Class with Mistress Nan. Spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of educational & artistic classes for the s/m community. Mistress Nan discusses this type of s/m play where the top is an authority figure, such as a governess, and the bottom is someone who by age or status "must" accept the top's discipline. Mistress Nan, who is visiting from Los Angeles, is a longtime teacher & spokesperson who has lived an s/m lifestyle for over 30 years. Doors open at 7 pm, class taught 7:30-10 pm in a private SF space. $20-$10 SL fee. Info: 550-7776.

Robert Patrick at A Different Light Bookstore. Appearance is tentative, call to confirm. Info: 431-0891. 489 Castro St, SF.

Playwright Tony Kushner reads at First Unitarian on May 13. Calendar has info.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: THe March on Washington. Were you there?—Come share your stories, hear others'. All women welcome! Info: Lynn (408) 737-9229 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.

Queer Performance Class with Keith Hennessey, see 5/11.

Dos Fallopia, Seattle's hilarious, outrageous women's comedy duo (Lisa Koch & Peggy Platt) bring their act combining music, sketch comedy, improv, stand-up, razor sharp wit, left wing politics & general lunacy to Josie's Cabaret. Their all-star evening of entertainment features a cast of characters including British grunge rockers, The Surly Girls; dysfunctional mother-daughter country superstars, The Spudds; Fran & Annie's 12-Step Day Care; retro-folkies Compost Morning Dew and Dolphin-Free Tuna Women and more. Show runs Thurs-Sat, tonight thru 5/15 at 8 pm, with an added 10 pm show on 5/14. Tix $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Truth or Dare literary series at The LAB concludes with Rebecca Brown & Pat Califia. Writer Brown reads from her latest book, *Annie Oakley's Girl*. Brown is also the author of *The Terrible Girls*. a powerful account of erotic love which exchanges the comforts of illusion for more complex and less certain rewards. Pat Califia, leatherdyke poet, author (*Macho Sluts*), activist & social critic, reads from her forthcoming book of short stories, *Melting Point*. Much of Califia's work deals with s/m, gender transgression & commercial sex. 1807 Divisadero St, SF. Info: 346-4063.

Pat Califia & Rebecca Brown speak at The Lab as part of the "Truth or Dare" literary series. 8 pm, $6. 1807 Divisadero St, SF. Info: 346-4063.

"ODC Just Dancing," a dance performance by ODC/San Francisco, thru 5/23 at SF's Cowell Theatre. Program includes: River of Milk, I Wanna Be Bad, The Tangle, John Somebody, and Dirt. Opening night party at 7:30 pm, followed by 8:30 performance. 8 pm performances 5/14-15 & 5/20-22. Concluding performance at 7 pm on 5/23. For tix call BASS (510) 762-BASS or City Box Office 392-4400.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Sue Doro, the first female machinist at Milwaukee Road Railway and the author of *Blue Collar Goodbyes* leads "Writing About Work: Hammering Through the Wall of Silence," a workshop designed to break thru the blocks that keep us silent, separate & feeling crazy. Bring your work journals, poetry, production slips and experiences. 8 pm. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676.

Salsa music at El Rio with *Sabor a Pueblo*. 9 pm-2 am, $2. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

MAY 14 / F R I

Looking Out, Looking Over: A Conference on Lesbian & Gay Film at UC Davis, spons by the UC Humanities Research Institute & Davis Humanities Institute. Today & tmw at Buehler Alumni/Vistors Center, UC Davis. Film scholars present short papers on issues of sexual preference in commercial films and recent developments in gay & lesbian experimental films, plus contemporary directors screen & discuss their work. For info call (916) 752-8246 or (916) 446-9161.

Thank God *I'm A Lesbian*—film at the Castro, see 5/10.

Monika Treut's Female Misbehavior is a film composed of a series of provocative portraits of four "misbehaving" women, resulting in another view of modern sexuality. See *Bondage* about a woman dressed in leather who explains the appeal of s/m, tit torture & bondage; *Annie*, a look at porn queen/performance artist Annie Sprinkle; *Dr Paglia*, a multi-dimensional look at author Camille Paglia and *Max*, a profile of Max Valerio nee Anita Valero, a Native American living in SF who discusses her journey to becoming a heterosexual man. Film runs thru 5/20 at Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th St, SF; and 5/21-22 at UC Theatre, 2036 University Ave, Berkeley.

Journeyworker Jones, a play about the trials & triumphs of a woman apprentice electrician. 6:30 pm reception, curtain at 8 pm. South of Market Cultural Center, 934 Brannan at 8th St, SF. Info/res: 821-7334. Proceeds benefit Tradeswomen, Inc.

Stop AIDS Project group for gay & bisexual men age 50 & over: Informal one-time meeting where men can talk openly about the AIDS epidemic and what we can do about it. Info/location: 621-7177.

Marin Lesbian & Gay Parents Group meets—see Parents & Kidsbox for details.

Women's Country Western Class & Dance: See 5/7 listing for details.

Author Louise Rafkin reads from her new book, "Queer & Pleasant Danger." Calendar has details.

Training Submisssives, Pushing Limits & Living in Multiple Relationships: A class taught by Mistress Nan. Spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of educational & artistic classes for the s/m community (also see 5/13). Mistress Nan discusses what she has learned, emotionally & pragmatically, after 30 years of s/m relationships. Students are welcome to ask questions about their own s/m play or relationships. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm in a private SF space. $20-$10 SL fee. Info: 550-7776.

Author/Columnist Louise Rafkin (*Different Mothers, Different Daughters*) discusses the fact & fiction in her new book, *Queer & Pleasent Danger*. 7:30 pm. A Diffferent Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Sonia Johnson & Jean Tait lecture at Stanford University, Palo Alto. 7:30 pm, free. Info: Melissa 497-4709.

Center for the Spirit Benefit Concert: Hosted by Dennis Banks. Performers include Floyd Red Crow Westerman, Charlie Hill, Mitch Walking Elk, Keith Secola and *The Wild Band of Indians*, Kelly Standing Elk and Four Winds Drum and special guests. Doors open at 7 pm, program starts at 8. Berkeley Adult School West Campus Theatre, 1222 University Ave, Berkeley. Tix $12 adv, $15 at door, $6 elders, disabled & kids under 12. Drug and alcohol-free. Info: (510) 535-0505 or (415) 474-9373.

Dos Fallopia women's comedy duo at Josie's, see 5/13.

At Mama Bears: Sing-along celebration with Kay Eskenazi. Learn beautiful rounds of love, work, play & spirit from many cultures. No musical experience necessary! 8 pm, $6-8. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Skirts at The Marsh, see 5/7.

MAY 15 / S A T

Redwood Park Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take 580 to 35th Ave or Hwy 13 to Redwood Road. Go east toward hills on 35th/Redwood Rd. Continue on Redwood approx 2 1/4 miles PAST Skyline Blvd. Park entrance is on left. Meet 9 am inside park at last parking lot. There's a parking fee, free offstreet parking available at entrance. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Looking Out, Looking Over: Conference on Lesbian & Gay Film at UC Davis, see 5/14. Final day!

Beyond Breaking Up: Wkshop for lesbians on ending relationships and rebuilding one's life. Info/reg: Mary Butler, MFCC (510) 601-6445.

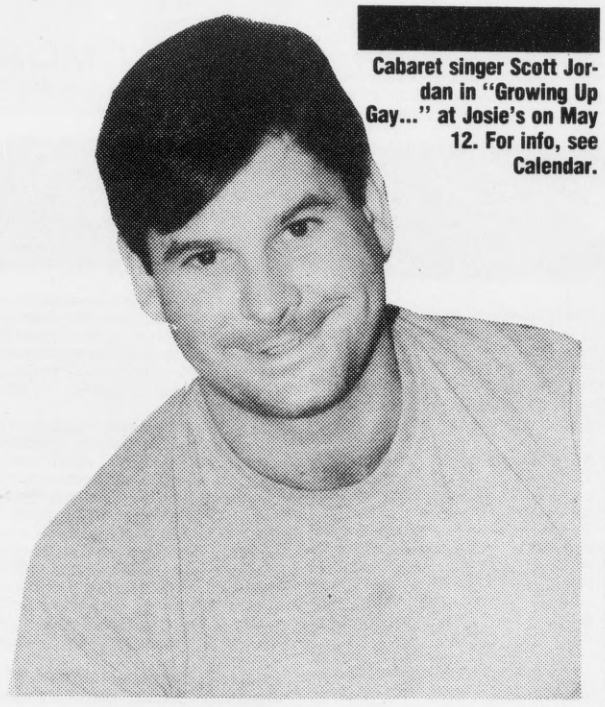
LIPS (Lesbian Installation Projects) spons a workshop for lesbian artists who whish to work on a community-based installation with other lesbian artists. Professionals & novices with commitment are welcome, all media are considered. Wkshop held at Laney College, Oakland (plenty of parking available). Pre-reg required, for info call Pamela (510) 222-4552.

Female Misbehavior at Roxie Cinema, see 5/14.

Thank God *I'm A Lesbian*—film at the Castro, see 5/10.

Sensations Class taught by Mistress Nan. Part of QSM's ongoing series of educational & artistic classes for the s/m community (also see 5/13 & 14). This class will not cover the more traditional forms of s/m play (whipping, caning, etc), but will instead explore some unusual or outrageous sensations. Several demos given, including one on the power of water torture. Doors open at 12:30 pm, class 1-3:30 in a private SF space. $20-$10 SL fee. Info: 550-7776.

"Men Pleasuring Men," with John Sabel or Matthew Simmons. Nude group oil massage at Eros, presented as part of Eros' Sex/Life series. 2-5 pm, $20. 2051 Market St at Church, SF. Info: 864-3767.



Cabaret singer Scott Jordan in "Growing Up Gay..." at Josie's on May 12. For info, see Calendar.

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Tribute to Herbert Aptheker, activist, scholar & historian. 3 pm at First Congregational Church, 27th & Harrison Sts, Oakland. Speakers: Angela Davis, Bettina Aptheker, Manning Marable. Music, poetry, buffet reception. $10 donation benefits Committees of Correspondence. Tix available at Black Oak, Cody's, Marcus Bookstore, Modern Times Bookstore. Info: (510) 653-0329 or (415) 863-6637.

Musician's Appreciation Day celebration with GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). 3 pm. Info/location: Jon Sugar 731-2424.

Negatives Being Positive Group: Social hour at 6:30 pm, followed by potluck dinner. Please prepare and bring a favorite food dish to share (those who don't cook should call to find out what non-prepared item to bring). Soft drinks provided. $1 donation requested. Info/location: Neil 255-7672. Non-perishable packaged & canned food items will be accepted for the AIDS Food Bank. Night of food, friends & fun—don't miss!

Bisexual People of Color meeting today at 6:30 pm. SF location. For address & other info call 922-1021.

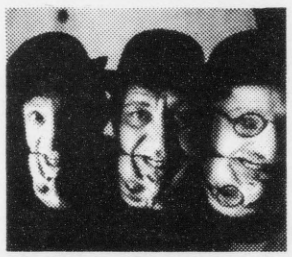
Meeting Men Party spons by the Human Awareness Institute: Discover the Path of Gay Intimacy thru paired exercises and heart connections. Join other men interested in quality relationships. 7 pm. $20 tix available at A Different Light Bookstore. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 239-7839.

SF Hiking Club hike from Ft Mason across the Golden Gate Bridge to Sausalito (return by ferry). Moderately easy, about 7 miles hiking, 200 ft elevation gain. Meet 10 am under the big Safeway sign, Market & Dolores, SF. Wear layered clothing, bring Muni fare & $3.75 for the ferry. Wear layered clothes. Rain cancels. Info: (510) 483-7959.

"Satisfaction: How to Get What You Want at a Sex Club," talk by Jack Davis. Part of Eros' Sex/Life series. 7:30-10 pm, $15. 2051 Market St at Church, SF. Info: 864-3767.

Sonia Johnson & Jean Tait Women's Workshop at Stanford University: 10 am-5 pm, $10-45 SL fee. Info: Melissa 497-4709.

LezDance: Hot women's dance party at Sebastopol Community Center, 390 Morris St (off Hwy 12) Sebastopol. Doors open at 8 pm. DJs Laney G and Lori Z. An alcohol/smoke-free event. Tix $5-10 SL fee. Info/details: (707) 829-0797. Don't miss!



"Waiting for Godot" at Performance Works. See OnStage. Photo by Kurt Prasse

Kitka Women's Ensemble in concert at St John's Church, 2727 College Ave at Gerber, Berkeley. Traditional & contemporary music from Eastern Europe. 8 pm, $12 adv, $15 at door.

Queer Deadheads: Party & organizational meeting for our Parade contingent. We'll meet first, then party. Bring your own beverages. For info on how to get involved with Queer Deadheads and for location of the meeting/party call James 552-0949 or Valerie 641-1308.

Dos Fallopia, women's comedy duo at Josie's, see 5/13.

Alix Dobkin in concert at Mama Bears. 8 pm, $10. Women only. Reservations suggested, call (510) 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

Vocal Minority, lesbian/gay singing ensemble present "On the Street Where We Live," a tribute to lyricist Alan J Lerner. 8 pm, $10. First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St at Geary, SF. Info: 776-4580.

Dorothy Allison & Jewelle Gomez: An evening of reading & conversation at The LAB. Allison & Gomez discuss the writing process, sexuality & censorship and read from their poetry & essays dealing with these subjects. 8 pm, $5-10. Proceeds benefit The LAB. 1807 Divisadero St, SF Info: 346-4063.

Tom Paxton, legendary songwriter, at Freight & Salvage, 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. 8:30 pm. Info: (510) 548-1761.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Marilyn Pittman, Doug Holsclaw & Scott Capurro. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Royalnonesuch* and *33 Degrees*. 3158 Mission St, SF. 10 pm-2 am, $5. Info: 282-3325.

"The Lady & the Tramp," birthday bash & show with Lady Bobette & Kitty Glamour, and their escorts Peter LT Messina & Dan Lester, in celebration of their birthdays. Mistress of Ceremonies: Large Marge. 10 pm at Kimo's Showplace, Pine & Polk, SF.

Naked Tribal Heat: An ecstatic dance affair welcoming men as members of the tribe of men who love men. Release shame & guilt that keep you from loving yourself & other men; dance, breathe, touch & share erotic energy in a loving, ecstatic, substance-free environment. 10 pm-3 am, you must arrive by 10:30 pm. Adv tix available at A Different Light Bookstore ($20 adv, $30 at door). Info/location: Tribal Hotline 552-3033.

"Thank God I'm a Lesbian" plays at the Castro Theatre May 10-16. Don't miss this peek into dyke culture & attitudes. See Calendar for details.

MAY 16 / SUN

Lesbian Seagulls Day Trip: Famed Neurobiolgist Dr Simon LeVay leads a day-long field trip to Anacapa Island near Ventura, to see a gathering of lesbian seagulls. The gulls, who form stable female-female nesting pairs, have become one of the best studied examples of lesbian relationships in nature. LeVay is the author of *The Sexual Brain* and founder of the Institute of Gay & Lesbian Education (IGLE). $40 fee. Info/res: IGLE (310) 652-1786.

Marin Hike 'n' Bike Club Eldridge Grade Mountain Bike Ride: Meet 11 am at the Ross Post Office for a 3-hour moderate ride—Ross to Eldridge to Blithedale & back. Bring lunch & liquids. Info: Roger 454-9448.

Southbay Jewish Lesbians & Bi Women Group meets for potluck picnic at Shoreline Regional Park, Mountain View. Noon. Please bring a dish to share. For more info on this or upcoming activities call Joyce 965-8416.

22nd Annual Russian River Wine Festival: Noon-5 pm in the historic Healdsburg Plaza in the heart of Sonoma County's wine country. Taste the wines of more than 35 Russian River area wineries, enjoy music, food, arts & crafts, plaza shops & restaurants. Tasting tix sold until 4 pm, wine poured until 4:30 pm. Tix $12.50 adv, $15 day of the event. Fee includes souvenir glass & five tasting tickets. For info call (800) 648-9922 or (707) 433-6935.

Female Misbehavior at Roxie Cinema, see 5/14.

Thank God *I'm A Lesbian*—film at the Castro Theatre. Final day! See 5/10.

"Pulling Together: A New Look at the Asian Pacific American Left," panel discussion with Renee Cruz, Bill Sorro, Masao Suzuki, Shiree Teng and Merle Woo. 12:30-4:30 pm at the State Building, 345 Larkin St, SF. Room 1194. Refreshments served. Spons by the Asian Pacific American Socialist Caucus. Info: 864-1278 or 928-8141.

Graves' Disease Support Group sponsors a Spring Potluck. Call Susan (510) 540-8640 evenings, for info/location.

GAWK (Artists & Writers Kollective) meets at 3 pm. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424.

At Mama Bears: Bookparty with Louise Rafkin, celebrating her new book, *Queer & Present Danger*. 3-5 pm. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.

Staged Readings presented by Perform Theatre: "Cactus," by Clive Matson. A dark comedy set in a funeral home, complete with a morgue in the basement. 4:30 pm, free. Perform Theatre, 28 Paul Drive, San Rafael. Info: 492-9752.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Frameline Films presents a sneak preview of the upcoming gay & lesbian film festival, tonight's screening features a variety of short lesbian films. 5 pm, free. 519 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Edward L. Rubin & others' work at Shipyard Artists exhibit May 15.
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Healing the Mind/Body Connection: Drs Sondra Barrett & Dominique Maillard discuss recent research into the effects of attitudes, beliefs & emotions on the immune system and offer practical tools & techniques to enhance your health & immune system. Spons by ACC International. 6:30-9:30 pm, $10 adv, $15 at door. Marin location. Call 381-5841.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Reading by authors Rebecca Brown & DL Alvarez. 7 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Bright & hilarious queer comics—Scott Capurro & Andrea Leigh—at Josie's Cabaret. 8 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

At Freight & Salvage: Songwriters Night, with Steve Seskin, Allen Shamblin & Jon Vezner, accompanied by Nina Gerber. 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. 8 pm. Info: (510) 548-1761.

MAY 17 / MON

Female Misbehavior at Roxie Cinema, see 5/14.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Amy Boyd. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

MAY 18 / TUE

Hometowns: Roots, Acceptance & Belonging; a discussion group for gay & bisexual men about issues that affect living lives of authenticity, openness & connection. 6-wk group meets Tues at 7 pm thru 6/29 and uses essay-reading as a means to share our stories, histories & futures. Essays by Essex Hemphill, Andrew Holleran, Michael Bronski, Mark Thompson and others. Facilitated by Jeff Johnson, MDiv. Group limited to 12. $15 materials fee, adv reg required. Info/res: Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry 553-4026.

Female Misbehavior at Roxie Cinema, see 5/14.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Michelle Anna Jordan, award-winning chef and author of *The Good Cook's Book of Oil & Vinegar*, shares tasty treats & delicious tales of her epicurean experience, free! 7 pm. 519 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Shape Up Your Job Search: Career forum spons by Jewish Vocational Services. 7-9 pm, $6. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

"Healing With A Heart," presentation by Dr John de Roy at Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. 7 pm, free. Info: 775-0227.

Queer Short Writing Wkshop with Robert Gluck, spons by Small Press Traffic and Poets & Writers. Two-session workshop, tonight & 5/25, 7:30-10:30 pm. Enrollment limited. Fee $25 gen'l, $15 low-income. Register at Small Press Traffic, 3599 24th St, SF. Info: 285-8394.

"Exploring Your Dark Side," with Master Rich at Eros. Presented as part of Eros' Sex/Life series. 7:30-10 pm, $15. 2051 Market St at Church, SF. Info: 864-3767.

"Talk Dirty to Me," presentation with Carol Queen & Robert Morgan, part of Eros' Sex/Life series. 2051 Market St at Church, SF. Info: 864-3767. 7:30-10 pm, $5.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Marianne Williamson of "A Course in Miracles" fame discusses her new book, *A Woman's Worth*. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Daniel Mangin's "Bottoms Up: Bar-Hopping Queers of the Silver Screen" at Josie's Cabaret, see 5/11 listing for details.

MAY 19 / WED

Female Misbehavior at Roxie Cinema, see 5/14.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: April Martin, PhD, author of *The Lesbian & Gay Parenting Handbook* reads excerpts from her book and shares her expertise & experience as a lesbian parent and a psychotherapist. 6:30 pm, free. 519 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Living with HIV Public Forum Series spons by UCSF AIDS Health Project presents "Assisting Access to Drug Therapies," a panel discussion. Topics: Easing your financial burden, making reimbursement programs work for you, practical how-tos. 7-9 pm at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 476-3902.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Julie Smith reads from her new Skip Langdon mystery, *Jazz Funeral*. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

"Men Touching," with John Sabel at Eros. Guided exploration of the heart/cock connection, presented as part of Eros' Sex/Life series. 7:30-10 pm, $20. 2051 Market St at Church, SF. Info: 864-3767.

Joseph Leonardi & Jeff Thompson's "One of These Days II: The Lost Episode," at Josie's Cabaret. 8 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933. See 5/20 listing for details.

At Faster Pussycat! Special performance with Penelope Houston and her band. 9 pm. The Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. Info: Pussycat Hotline 561-9771.

MAY 20 / THU

Mystery writers panel with Bay Area authors Lucha Corpi (*Eulogy for a Brown Angel*), Elizabeth Pincus (*Two-Bit Tango*) and Gloria White (*Murder on the Run*). Noon, free. UCSF Toland Hall, 533 Parnassus Ave, SF.

Female Misbehavior at Roxie Cinema, see 5/14.

Women's Health Forum spons by Harvey Milk Democratic Club. 7:30-9:30 pm at the Women's Building Dining Hall, 3543 18th St, SF.

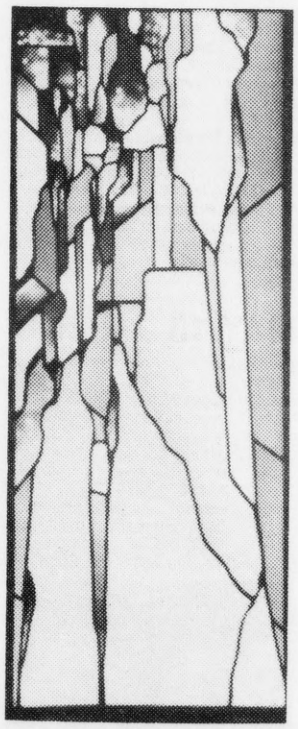
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: Lesbian Heroines. Bring your stories about your favorite role models or heroines. All women are welcome! Info: Lynn (408) 737-9229 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.

Peninsula PFLAG: Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays meet 7:30 pm at St Bede's Episcopal Church, 2650 Sand Hill Rd, Menlo Park. Tonight's topic: Gay History, and Why March? Safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Gay, lesbian & bisexual persons are welcome to attend. Info: 857-1058.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Ecofeminist author/witch Starhawk reads from *The Fifth Sacred Thing*, a visionary Utopian novel set in the middle of the next century. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Eugene Garber reads from his new novel, *The Historian: Six Fantasies of the American Experiences*. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

"One of These Days II: The Lost Episode," comedy writers/performers Joseph Leonardi & Jeff Thompson return to Josie's with the sequel to their hit comedy, "One of These Days." The gay sons of The Honeymooners are back, still late on the rent, looking for love & living in the Castro. This time they share their adventures with their mascara-wearing neighbor, Babs; her "in the Army" ex-lover, Delilah; and their silver-haired, acid-tongued landlord, Ernie. It's Frank's 35th birthday and he's in for the surprise of his life. Show runs Wed-Sun thru 5/30 at 8 pm. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.



"Extraordinary Visions" a contemp. stained glass exhibit at Live Art Studios Gallery. For info, see Galleries.

galleries

On Exhibit at the de Young: "Viewpoints XX: Louis Comfort Tiffany & Art Glass," exhibit of art glass by Tiffany and his American & European contemporaries, plus examples of the ancient iridescent glass that inspired his works, thru 8/22. "Art Nouveau Dress," exhibit featuring a dozen costumes & fans reflecting the swirling curves & clear colors of Art Nouveau style; thru 9/12. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.

SF Museum of Modern Art: Exhibit of work by visionary Japanese architect Shin Takamatsu, thru 6/6. "Clifford Still: The Buffalo & SF Collections," touring exhibit, thru 6/13. Exhibit of photos, early drawings & collages, recent silkscreen paintings & fiberglass sculpture by Richard Prince, thru 7/25. "Thresholds & Enclosures: TV as Sculpture," featuring the work of 6 American artists; thru 7/11. 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.

Judah L Magnes Museum: "Kafka, Eve, the Wolf & My Grandmother's Bread Bowl: 4 Calif Artists Confront Jewish Identity," works by Laurie Poilster, Elisse Pogofsky-Harris, William Rosen & Rachel Schreiber on exhibit thru 5/23. "Meditations Concealed & Revealed," large mixed media pieces & an installation by Shoshana Greenberg, on exhibit thru 5/23. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 849-2710. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

The Mexican Museum: "Burning Dreams: Selected Works by Carlos Almaraz," an LA-based Chicano painter who died of AIDS in 1989. Thru 5/9. Space provided in the gallery for visitors to share the names of other artists who have died of AIDS. Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, Laguna & Marina Blvds, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids under 10 are free, first Wed of each month admission is free, noon-8 pm.

Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. "Yosemite Before Ansel Adams," presents a selection of images taken before 1916, the year the teenaged Adams made his first exposure there; thru 5/23. "CJ Laughlin: Visionary Photographer," thru 6/13. "Brancusi Photographs," thru 6/13. Ansel Adams Portfolio IV," 5/28-9/5. "Proof: Los Angeles Art & the Photograph, 1960-1980," 6/23-8/22. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

Architrave Gallery: Group exhibit—sculpture by Todd Campbell, paintings by Victor Antonetti & Bob Bruman. Opening reception 5/7, exhibit runs thru July. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-7 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. 541 Hayes St, SF. Info: 621-4923.

Capp Street Project: "Utopia in the Teen Age," an inter-media installation exploring the concept & experience of adolescence as a preparation in the cultural & political life of the United States. Organized by AWOL (Artists & Writers Out Loud), this exhibit is a collaborative project resulting from workshops held with students at SF's MacAteer High School. Exhibit runs 5/14-6/26. Artists' reception 5/13, 5:30-7:30 pm. Capp Street Project, 270 14th St, SF. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat. Info: 626-7747.

Cultures et Matieres Gallery: "The Creators Crossroads," exhibit of work by over 30 local artists in various media; 5/13-6/10. 139 Townsend St, Ste 105, SF. Info: 777-0261.

SF Camerawork: Hrs: Noon-5 pm Tues-Sat. 70 12th St, btwn Market & Mission at South Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 621-1001.

Eclectica Gallery of Contemporary Crafts: "Fimo: The New Clay," exhibit of the polymer clay jewelry of Sarah Nelson Shriver. Thru 6/11. 1795 Market St, across from Octavia, SF. Info: 626-6255.

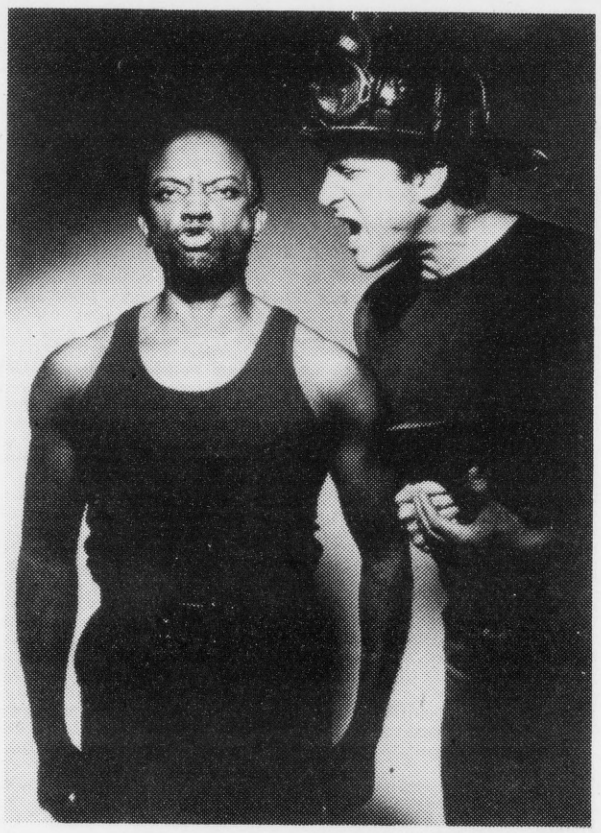
Cards 'N Jazz—A Sports Gallery: "The Smell & Feel of the Game," exhibit of original oil on canvas paintings by Bill Williams capturing the feel and smell of sports. Thru 5/20. 1528 Pacific Ave, btwn Polk & Larkin, SF. Hrs: Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm, or by appt. Info: 474-1096.

Cartoon Art Museum: 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat, Sun 1-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids 12 & under

are free. Info: 546-3922.
Clay Studio: "On Bended Knee," recent sculpture by Leigh Barbier, thru 5/30. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm Wed, Fri & Sat & by appt. 52 Julian Ave, SF. Info: 431-6296.
CCAC Door 3 Gallery: 111 Myrtle St, Oakland. Hrs: Tues-Sat noon-5 pm.
Edith Caldwell Gallery: 251 Post St, SF, 2nd floor. Hrs: Mon-Sat 11 am-5 pm. Info: 989-5414.
E'Space Gallery: "What's Up on the Hill?" exhibit of painting, collage & driftwood sculpture by Bernard Resve. Exhibit runs 5/14-6/18. Opening reception 5/14, 6-9 pm. 520 Hayes St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sun 10 am-10 pm. Info: 861-4657.
Gallery on the Rim: Works by Chang Ming Meng, recent paintings on exhibit thru May. 333 Third St, Ste 200, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sun 11 am-7 pm. Info: 543-7007.
John Pence Gallery: "South Dakota Landscapes," recent oil paintings by Dorothy Morgan; thru 5/15. 750 Post St, SF. Info: 441-1138.
The Lab Gallery: 1807 Divisadero St, SF. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Wed-Sat. Info: 346-4063.
Robert Dana Gallery: 1849 Union St, SF. Hrs: Mon & Wed-Sat, 10 am-6 pm; Sun 11 am-5 pm. Info: 749-1849.
Robert Koch Gallery: "Jazz," photos by William Claxton of the 1950s & 1960s jazz scene. Exhibit runs thru 5/22. 49 Geary St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-0122.
SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Art Deco in SF," exhibit features elegant, well designed utilitarian objects, both one-of-a-kind and machine made, from SF's art deco period; on exhibit thru 6/27. "Face to Face: Clayton Bailey & Traditional Southern Face Vessels," on exhibit thru 6/27. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.
SF Art Institute 800 Chestnut St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, 10 am-5 pm; Thurs till 8 pm. Info: 771-7020.
Stamp Francisco Gallery: 466 8th St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Fri 10 am-5 pm, Sun 11 am-3 pm. Info: 252-5975.
University Art Museum: 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.
Pacific Film Archive: 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-1412.
Vision Gallery: "Digitally Altered Photographs," by Graham Nash, on exhibit thru 5/15. Hrs: Mon-Fri, 9 am-6 pm. 1155 Mission St, SF. Info: 621-2107.
Vorpal Gallery: Sculpture by Thai Bui, Gregory Solomon Falk, Ken Kalman & Ken Matsumoto on exhibit thru 5/22. 393 Grove St, SF. Info: 397-9200.
MACE Space for Art: New works by Travis Somerville, on exhibit thru 5/15. 1319 Pine St at Hyde, SF. Hrs: Tues-Fri 5-9 pm, Sat noon-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 931-9670.
Mincher/Wilcox Gallery: 228 Grant Ave, SF. Info: 433-4660.
Morphos Gallery: Group show features photographic work by Katherine du Tiel, Michelle Handelman & Monte Cazazza, Elliott Linwood, Michael Lewis, Margo Weinstein, Scott Mutter, Charles Gatewood & Frank Garvey. On exhibit thru 5/20. 544 Hayes St, SF. Info: 626-1936.
Three Muses Artspace: Hrs: Sundays by appt. 395 Valencia St, SF. Info: 255-7420.
Pro Arts Gallery: 461 9th St at Broadway, nr 12th, Oakl. Hrs: Wed-Thurs noon-6 pm, Fri-Sat 10 am-5 pm. Info: (510) 763-4361.
Richmond Art Center: "TV Times: The World thru the Box," work by several artists, urging the viewers to question the role of television in their lives. Exhibit runs 5/11-7/11, opening reception 5/12, 5-7 pm. Hrs: Tues-Fri 10 am-4:30 pm; Sat-Sun noon-4:30 pm. Civic Center Plaza, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-6772.
ARU Gallery: "In & Out," group show, painting & constructions by Jennifer Stady; prints, painting & sculpture by Kirk Stoller. On exhibit thru 5/8. Hrs: 11 am-7 pm, Tues-Sat. 736 14th St, SF. Info: 621-1551.
NIAD Gallery: Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm, Sat 11 am-3 pm. 551 23rd St, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-0290.
New Langton Arts Gallery: Installations by Nancy Munford, Gay Outlaw & Paul Ramirez-Jonas, on exhibit thru 5/15. 6-8 pm. Hrs: Wed-Sat, noon-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St, SF. Info: 626-5416.
Meridian Gallery: Hrs: Tues-Sat 1-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 398-7229. 545 Sutter St, btwn Powell & Mason Sts, SF. 2nd floor.
John Horn & Mark Arnold: Recent paintings on exhibit at ATA Gallery thru May. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.
Shipyard Artists Spring Exhibit '93 at Hunters Point Shipyard; 5/15 & 16. Exhibit of works by over 70 professional resident artists. Public is welcome to tour studios. Refreshments served, music, ample parking, slide viewing area, maps & programs. Participating artists include Edward L Rubin, a painter active in the lesbian & gay arts scene in SF. For details call Estelle Akamine 822-3809.
"Clay Forms," by Matthew Zachary and **"Photographic Studies"** by Gerry Traucht, on exhibit at Christensen Heller Gallery, 5831 College Ave, Oakland, thru 7/3. Artists' reception 5/8, 1-4 pm.
Photos by Panda Gish on exhibit at The Crepery Cafe, 86 Carl St, near the N Judah tunnel entrance in Cole Valley, SF. Thru 6/14
"Extraordinary Visions," exhibit of contemporary stained glass by Evan Bishop, Jackson Hall, Jennifer King, Alex Lowry & Ken Scott. 5/6-30 at Live Art Studios Gallery, 151 Potrero Ave at 15th, SF. Hrs: Thurs-Sun, noon-6 pm or by appt.
New Paintings by David Abbot, on exhibit at Sweet Inspiration thru 6/30. Reception 5/10, 6-8 pm. 2239 Market St, SF. Info: 621-8664.
Art Attack Gallery: "Angelology," exhibit of artistic interpretations of angels by various artists at Art Attack Gallery, 323 Divisadero St, SF. Info: 621-3505. Thru 6/11.
Mixed Media Works by artists living with AIDS. 5/14, 1-5 pm at 944 Market St, Ste 210, SF. Spons by EACH Program and Community HIV Day Services. Info: 403-3800 or 403-3809.

on stage

The Stranger by Albert Camus. Camus' existentialist classic, developed for the stage by Mel Clay. Marilyn Monroe Memorial Theater production. Preview 5/13; play has an open-ended run. Fri-Sat at 9 pm. Tix $10. Marilyn Monroe Memorial Theater, 96 Lafayette St, btwn 11th & 12th, off Howard, SF. Info/res: 552-3034.
The Real Live Brady Bunch a staged reenactment of the '70s sitcom, by Faith & Jill Soloway. Part theater, part comedy night, and all party, the show's scripts are taken from the most memorable episodes of the popular TV series. Features heavy audience participation. Show runs Tues-Thurs, with special midnight showings on weekends, thru 5/8 at Alcazar Theatre, 650 Geary St, SF. Play then moves to Victoria Theatre for four weeks—5/11-6/5. Tix $18.50-$25.50, available at (510) 762-BASS.
Claustrophilia by Amy Freed. An unconventional romantic comedy about voluntary entombment. Play takes a satirical look at the brilliance of Edgar Allan Poe as it tells the final chapter of the marriage of Poe and his child-bride/cousin, Virginia "Sissy" Clemm; beguiling parable of sexual politics. Play runs with Freed's new work, **The Ghoul of Amherst**, a solo piece about the obsessive nature of Emily Dickinson. Climate Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, thru 5/16. Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF. Info/res: 626-9196.
Why We Have a Body by Claire Chafee. Contemporary comedy, a humorous exploration of female myths & relationships. Play follows Lili, a private investigator, who is having an affair with a married woman. Magic Theatre production. Runs thru 5/23, Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm. Tix $12-21. Info/res: 441-8822.
Falsettos by William Finn & James Lapine. Award-winning musical, a funny & touching story of love, relationships and a different kind of family. Play runs at Curran Theatre, 445 Geary St, SF, Thru 5/23. Info/res: 776-1999.
Come Back to the 5 & Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean by Ed Graczyk. The "Disciples of James Dean" of McCarthy, Texas hold their 20th anniversary reunion party. During the course of the evening, illusions & false fronts are slowly stripped away, revealing amusing, painful & shocking realities. Artfull Circle Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 4 pm thru 5/30. Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller St btwn Laguna & Octavia, SF. Info/res: 626-5455.
Top Girls by Caryl Churchill. Play explores the position of women in a changing society, taking a hard look at the struggle of women in a male-dominated world. Gem Art production. Runs thru 5/30, Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm. The Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St at Folsom, SF. Tix $12 Thurs, Fri & Sun, $15 Sat. Info/res: 621-4423.
The Client by CD Arnold. The last play of the SF playwright, *The Client* is about the life-giving effects of a dying actor's struggle to create a final performance that will sum up his life and his work.



James Wallace and Louis Landman in "The Roof's on Fire!" May 8-30 at Teatro Mission. See OnStage for details. Photo by David Allen

Kaliyuga Arts production, in association with New Conservatory Theatre Center. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm thru 5/22 at New Conservatory Theatre Center, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Tix $12 Thurs, $14 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 861-8972.
After the Fall by Arthur Miller. Miller's powerful, autobiographical 1964 study of a man in midlife crisis. Actors Theatre production. Runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm thru 5/22. Sun matinees 5/9 & 16 at 2 pm. Tix $25 opening, $14 Wed, Thurs & Sun; $16 Fri & Sat; $14 matinees. Actors Theatre of SF, 533 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 296-9179.
I Witness by Mary Miller. Play looks at three lives in an African American family forever changed by the possession of a secretly videotaped murder of a Black man by the police. Oakland Ensemble Theatre production. Play runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sat matinees at 2 pm, Sun matinees at 3 pm, thru 5/16. Alice Arts Center, 1428 Alice St nr 14th, Oakland. Tix $11-$25. Info/res: (510) 763-7774.
Drifting Fires by Janine Beichman. A modern Noh original written by an American playwright, the performance piece tells the story of an otherworldy encounter with the ghost of the last woman on earth, still wandering among the flames of a world she loves too much to leave. Theatre of Yugen production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3 pm (except 5/9, Mother's Day), thru 5/29. Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa at Alabama, SF. Tix $8-12, two-for-one during the first week. Info/res: 621-7978.
Private Lives, Noel Coward's wickedly witty comedy of bad manners, concludes Berkeley Rep's 25th anniversary season. Previews 5/7-11, opens 5/12. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm, thru 6/27. Sat matinees at 2 pm on 5/15 & 29, 6/12 & 26; Thurs matinees at 2 pm on 5/20, 6/3 & 17. Berkeley Rep Theatre, 2025 Addison St, Berkeley. Tix $19-31. For tix & other info call (510) 845-4700.
...And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie. Pacifica Spindrift Players production. Play runs Fri & Sat, thru 5/22. 8 pm Fri & Sat, 2 pm Sun on 5/16. Tix $10 gen'l, $8 srs & stdnts. Oddstad Theatre, 1050 Crespi Dr, Pacifica. Info/res: 359-8002.
City of Angels, Tony Award-winning musical presented by Diablo Light Opera Co. Book by Larry Gelbart, music by Cy Coleman, lyrics by David Zippel. Runs thru 5/22 at Regional Center for the Arts, Walnut Creek. For tix & showtime info call (510) 943-SHOW.
Laughing Wild by Christopher Durang. Provocative, brilliantly inventive & funny story of the perils of modern life in urban America. Hilarious look at the rigidity of the Catholic Church, nuclear waste, rude taxi drivers, homosexuality, AIDS, affirmations & more. Caryn Horwitz production. Runs thru 5/23, Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 7 pm. Tix $12. Theatre Rhino Studio, 2926 16th St nr Mission, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.
Forever Plaid by Stuart Ross. A tribute to "guy groups," this musical follows the journey of a harmony group, "The Four Plaids" whose lives were cut short by an unfortunate car accident. Show previews 5/15 at 8 pm, 5/16 at 7 pm and 5/18 at 8 pm. Regular performances run Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sat & Sun at 2 pm, Sun at 7 pm, at the Alcazar Theatre, 650 Geary St, SF. Tix at BASS.
Watch Your Back Gary Leon Hill's jazzy urban drama, directed by David Ford. Set in NYC's Lower East Side, play is a portrait of an artist living on the edge. Magic Theatre production. Previews 5/7-8, opens 5/12, runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 pm, thru 5/30. Closing night performance 5/30 at 7:30 pm. Magic Theatre, Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, SF. Tix $12-21. Info/res: 441-8822.
Living Letters musical play developed by Theatre Forte. Play was inspired by the letters of high school students to speakers with HIV from the Wedge Program of SF Dept of Public Health. Play runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm thru 5/22, no show on 5/13. Tix $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info/res: 882-1199.
Cho-Mu, a collaborative installation/performance piece by Reiko Goto & Joanna Haigood. Performances Tues-Sat at 2 pm, with additional 4 pm performances on Wed & Sat, 5/14-6/26 at Capp Street Project, 270 14th St, SF. Free. Info: 626-7747.
Waiting for Godot by Samuel Beckett. George Coates' production of the Beckett play features comics Will Durst and Tim Wiggins. Previews Wed-Fri 5/12-14, opens 5/15, runs Fri-Sun at 8 pm, 5/16-30 at Performance Works. 110 McAllister, SF. Tix $12, $19 & $24. Info/res: 863-4130 or BASS.
Journeyworker Jones by George Crowe. Based on dozens of interviews with people in the Bay Area construction industry, the play chronicles the apprenticeship of an African-American woman electrician. Tale Spinners production. Play runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm at South of Market Cultural Center, 934 Brannan St btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Tix $8-12. Info/res: Tale Spinners Theatre 550-9104.
La Ronde II by Eric Bentley. All-male adaptation of the Schnitzler round-robin

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of sexual couplings opens 5/21 at 8:30 pm at the Alcazar Loft, 650 Geary St, SF. London Pacific Theatre Co production. Play previews 5/19 & 20 at 8:30 pm; runs Thurs-Fri at 8:30 pm, Sat at 7 & 10 pm, thru 6/26. Tix $20. Preview performances benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund, $1 of each ticket sold during the run will go the Fund. Alcazar Theatre, 650 Geary St, SF. On-site parking available. Tix at BASS. Info/res: 749-1790.

The Roof's On Fire by Ellen Gavin. Brava! for Women in the Arts production, directed by Ellen Sebastian. Play is set in a fire station located in an African American community, next to a restaurant run by Black lesbians. Gaen Connolly, one of the first women firefighters in the nation, is forced to choose between her alliances, torn between her professional responsibilities toward the men she works & lives with and her gut response to the community of color that surrounds them. Play runs Wed-Sun thru 5/30 at 8:30 pm, Sun at 8 pm. Tix $10-15. Gala benefit opening 5/8 at 8:30 pm, $35 includes food & spirits, get down and dance music. Teatro Mision, 2868 Mission St, SF. Info/res: 695-6970.

Madine Ish's Snapshots from the Asylum, a multi-personality solo extravaganza of comic insanity by stand-up comic Madine Ish. Ish presents seven parts of a personality fragmented by sexual abuse as she deals with issues of insanity & incest with humor and poignancy. The Marsh production. Runs Thurs-Sun 5/6-30 at 8:30 pm. Tix $7-10 SL donation on Thurs, $8 Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. $10 srs, stdnts & financially disadvantaged. Info/res: 641-0235. 1062 Valencia St, SF.

Zing Zang by Lynn Snyder. A comedy drama about Sam, a hardworking small-town Ohio shoe store owner with a firm moral code which is about to be severely compromised. A Perform production. Play runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun matinees at 2 pm, 5/6-30. Tix $10. Perform, 28 Paul Drive, San Rafael. Info/res: 492-9752.

Frida & Diego by Greg Cullen. Bay Area premiere of British playwright Cullen's work, a love story about the tempestuous relationship between artist Frida Kahlo and her husband, muralist Diego Rivera. City Theatre production.. Play runs 5/6-9 at 8pm, 5/10 at 2 & 7 pm. Tix $5-$10. City College of SF, Phelan & Judson, near Ocean Avenue, SF. Info/res: 239-3100. Presented in association with the Mexican Museum.

Sweet, but Unrefined: Music by Harold Arlen. Mills College Theatre presents a new musical revue of works by a rarely heard songwriter. Show features songs like "That Old Black Magic," "Stormy Weather" and "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." Performances 5/14, 15 & 21 at 8 pm, 5/16 at 2 pm. Lisser Hall, Mills College Theatre, Oakland (near the 580 freeway btwn Seminary Ave & High Street exits). Tix $7 gen'l, $5 stdnts & srs, $4 kids under 12. Info/res: (510) 430-3308.

People are Living There by Athol Fugard. Four motley residents of a cheap Johannesburg boarding house indulge themselves in a bizarre birthday party to vent their individual frustrations & loneliness. Y Theater production. Play previews 5/13 at 8 pm, $7; opens 5/14 at 8 pm, $10. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, $10, with Sun pay-as-you-can matinees at 2. Y Theater, Central YMCA, 220 Golden Gate Ave, SF. 2nd floor. Info/res: 885-0460.

Hurricane by Anne Galjour. A full-length dark comedy centered around the lives of several people in a small Cajun community, just north of the Gulf of Mexico. A multi-character play in which all six characters are played by Galjour. Climate Theatre production. Play runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, 5/20-6/27 at Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF. Each night's performance is followed by a red beans & rice feast prepared for the audience by Ms Galjour. Tix $12-14. Info/res: 626-9196.

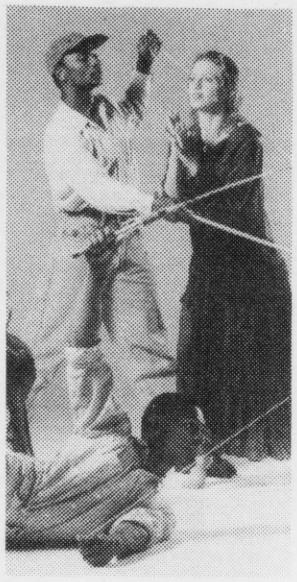
Pageant, hilarious beauty contest musical where audience members are the celebrity judges. Orginally performed off-Broadway, Pageant follows six finalists in the Miss Glamouresse Beauty Contest—Miss Industrial Northeast, Miss Bible Belt, Miss Texas, Miss Deep South, Miss West Coast and Miss Great Plains. Show previews thru 5/8, runs Wed-Thurs at 8:30 pm, Fri & Sat at 3 & 10 pm. Tix at BASS. Post St Palace Theatre, Kensington Park Hotel, 450 Post St, SF. Info/res: 989-SHOW. Tix at BASS.

Mother Jones: The Most Dangerous Woman in America, a one-woman show created & performed by Ronnie Gilbert, with songs by Si Kahn, about the legendary labor organizer and workers' rights crusader of the late 1800s to early 1900s. Berkeley Repertory Theatre production. Show runs 5/14-30 at Zellerbach Playhouse, UC Berkeley. 5/12 preview performance at 7 pm benefits the SF Women's Building. Info/res: (510) 204-8901.

So... You Wanna Be a Stripper? The Trials & Tribulations of Lap Dancing Written & directed by Linda Serbu. Interwoven with live strip teases and a girl-girl sex act, the play reveals backstage drama, lesbianism, drugs, boyfriend problems, tips on successful stripping, peer disapproval, unsupportive management, customer attachment & prostitution. Cast members are SF sex workers and local actresses. 1800 Square Feet production. Play runs Fri at 9 & 11 pm, Sat at 9 pm, 5/14-6/5 at 1800 Square Feet, 719 Clementina St, SF, btwn 8th & 9th, Howard & Folsom. Tix $7-10 SL fee. Info/res: 255-8510.

Cooking with Ajax by David Fisher and **Fragile** by Armen Dilanchian. Two humorous & disturbing works presented by InFocus Theatre Co. 5/6-8, Thurs-Sat at 8 pm. Theatre Bernice, 21 Bernice St off 12th, btwn Folsom & Harrison, SF. Tix $12 gen'l, $6 stnds. No one turned away for lack of funds. Info: 731-7012.

Beat conceived & directed by Anthony St Martin. Beat celebrates SF's Beat Generation thru the prose & poetry of the era's most prolific & innovative writers—Gregory Corso, Diane diPrima, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Allen Ginsberg, Jack Kerouac, Michael McClure, Gary Snyder and Bob Kaufman; accompanied by the moody jazz of such luminaries as Charlie Parker, Miles Davis, Thelonious Monk & Anita O'Day. North Beach Rep Theatre production. Show previews 5/13-15, opens 5/18, runs Thurs-Sun at 8pm, thru 6/27 at North Beach Repertory Theatre, The Cannery, 2801 Leavenworth St, SF. Tix $12-15. Stdnt & sr discounts available. Info/res: 928-4860.



ODC/SF performs "Just Dancing" May 13-16 at SF's Cowell Theatre. Photo by Marty Sohl

Babel, a full-length puppet spectacular, performed as a work-in-progress. Wise Fool Puppet Intervention production. A visual feast in three acts, the play explores questions surrounding cultural diversity & isolation, weaves folk traditions of giant puppetry (life-size to 25 feet), stiltwalking & masked movement, plus handmade instruments with slide projection, eclectic sculpture and light installations. Play runs Sat & Sun, 5/8-9, 15-16 at 8 pm. Tix $5-15, no one turned away for lack of funds. Meet in the Plaza, corner of Fillmore & O'Farrell, dress warmly. Info: 905-5958.

Evita, Andrew Lloyd Webber & Tim Rice's award-winning musical hit, the story of the colorful, passionate & compelling Eva Peron, a woman who rose from poverty to become Argentina's First Lady and one of the richest, most powerful women in the world; plays the Golden Gate Theatre, 5/11-5/23. 1 Taylor St at Market & Golden Gate, SF.

Sue Doro, author of "Blue Color Goodbyes," leads a workshop at Old Wives' Tales on May 13. See Calendar date for info.

Collaborators Near (l), and Gilbert on "Mother Jones: The Most Dangerous Woman in America," Preview May 12. OnStage has add'l info.

For tix, showtimes & other info call 776-1999 or BASS.

Medusa's Daughter, written & directed by Karen Puall, based on a true story. A deep dark comedy about a young woman's courageous quest to find her birth mother. The play follows her fantastical journey to the womb and back, ultimately ending up just a phone call between myth & reality. Play runs 5/8 & 9 at 8 pm, with Sun matinee on 5/9 at 2 pm. MFA Repertory Co production. Studio Theatre, SF State University, 1600 Holloway Ave, SF. Tix $2.50. Info/res: 338-1431 or 338-2467.

resource guide

► AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 621-0291 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance), SF. Info: 241-8800 or FAX 252-9277.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: nonviolent, civil disobedience, political activist organization addresses AIDS issues thru direct contact with govt officials. Call 567-5412 for info.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

Directory: HIV Clinical Trials *in the Bay Area*, a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

The Brothers Network is an African-American organization providing free emotional support for HIV + gay & bisexual men. Support groups include a Tues eve drop-in, peer counseling and ongoing African-American specific groups. Info: 749-6714. FAX 749-6706.

Men of African Descent with Disabling Disease Drop-in Support Group spons by the SF AIDS Foundation: Safe, confidential place to talk about HIV issues, share experiences with other men of African descent, discuss treatment options, support service access & other topics. Fri, 1:30-3 pm, SF AIDS Foundation, 3rd floor conference room, 25 Van Ness Ave at Market, SF. Info: 864-5855 or just drop in! No group held on 11/26 & 12/31 1993.

HIV/ARC/AIDS Gay/Bi Men's Peer Support Group meets Fri 10 am-noon at Pacific Center Walnut Creek, 1250 Pine St, Ste 301, Walnut Creek. Open group, $5 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds). Info: Margaret Walker (510) 939-7711.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

Marin AIDS Project Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

Valley of the Moon AIDS Project offers free, bimonthly support groups for people living with AIDS/HIV, and their friends & family. 1st & 3rd Tues of each month, 7-8:30 pm at Sonoma Vintage House, 264 First Street East, Sonoma (rooms 111 & 113) Info: David (707) 938-3765 or Sheana (707) 935-6260.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

Health Center#1 offers an evening clinic for people who are HIV positive or have AIDS or AIDS-related conditions, and find it difficult to go the doctor during the daytime. Clinic serves the Mission, Castro/Eureka Valley, Potrero Hill, Glen Park, Diamond Heights, Noe Valley, Monterey and South of Market areas of SF. Bilingual, multicultural staff, sensitive to the needs of women with HIV. 3850 17th St, SF. Info/appt: 554-9750.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

The Center for AIDS Services provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 5720 Shattuck Ave, Oakl 94609. (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos Support for Caregivers: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, infor-

mation sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. By appointment only, call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel: 291-5454.

Bankruptcy/Creditor Problems Legal Clinic for People with HIV Infection: Free presentation by a bankruptcy lawyer concerning how to handle creditor problems, plus free one-on-one consultation. 2nd Wed of every month, 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Gazebo, Davies Medical Center, Castro & Duboce, SF. Info/reg: AIDS Legal Referral Panel 291-5454.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Danny Yu 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Group for HIV + Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men: Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by GAPA Community HIV Project. Call Paul 575-3933 for info.

Sex, Dating & Relationships: Ongoing group offered by GAPA Community HIV Project: For Asian or Pacific Islander gay/bisexual men who want to discuss these issues in an informal small-group setting. Group meets every 3rd Tues of the month at GCHP, 1841 Market ST, SF. 2nd floor. 7-9 pm. Info: Prescott 575-3939.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Napa Valley AIDS Project provides education, support groups, benefits counseling, volunteer services & more for HIV + Napa County residents. Info: (707) 258-2437.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources SF: Nonprofit provides restorative & adjunctive approaches to healthcare to relieve the imbalances & stress related to HIV infection. Info: 255-1928.

Pacific Center, Berkeley, offers several peer-support groups for people with HIV & AIDS. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

The Immigrant HIV Assistance Project of the Bar Association of SF provides free legal assistance for HIV positive immigrants residing in SF who need help with their immigration cases. Call 267-0795 for more info.

The Healing Circle: Support group for

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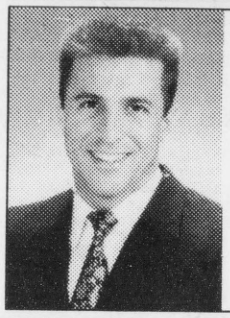

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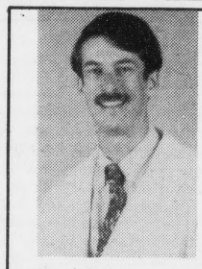

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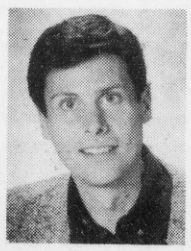

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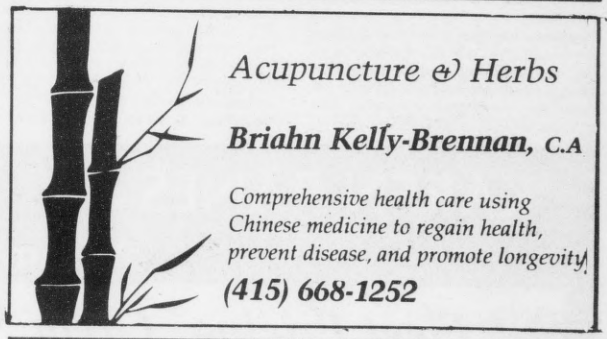

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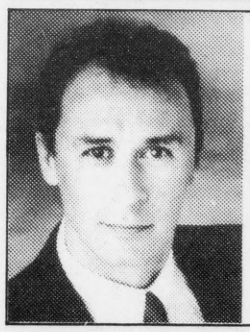

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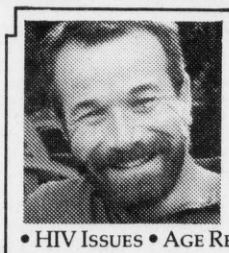

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Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission helps people with AIDS/HIV thru transitional housing, low-income shared housing resources, grocery bags, clothing, personal care items, referrals. For info call 863-0516, 9 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV + & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF, 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD). Mental health services, interpreting services and psychosocial support. Info: 476-7600 (TTY) or 476-4980 (voice).

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

Nutrition & HIV: Free discussion group/class in SF. Led by a registered dietician. For info/location call (510) 547-7893.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies, plus several methods of massage, for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists & massage therapists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: See Political.

HIV + /AIDS Support Group in Oakland: Informal, safe space to address concerns, share info. For anyone in any stage of HIV infection. Meets Mon eves at 6 pm. Info: Gai (510) 531-2448.

HIV + Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women & their HIV + Women Partners Couples Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women Partners of HIV + Women Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. WA. Free.

HIV + African American Women's Support Group spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Call 565-7683 for details. WA. Free.

Women's AIDS Network provides info, referrals & advocacy for women affected by HIV/AIDS and women service providers. Programs/services include speaker's bureau, educational resources developoent, special events & developing strategies for focusing HIV services & education toward women. Small emergency grants available to women with HIV/AIDS. Mtg held every first Tues of the month in SF. For details call voicemail 864-4376 ext 2007.

UCSF Positive Education Project conducts continuing education groups to help HIV positive gay men cope with the stress of living with HIV disease. If you T-cell count is btwn 200-500 call 597-9141.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by and for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs. 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.

Tai Chi Workout: Free to people with HIV. One hour of slow, therapeutic exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung forms. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Info: Emilio 255-0265.

St Mary's Hospital & Med Center offers: HIV & AIDS support group for gay & bisexual men living with HIV disease; Tues 5:30-7 pm, free; led by two facilitators. Group discussion focuses on the emotional aspects of living with HIV disease and/or having AIDS, 3-month commitment required, call Korey Wong 750-4923 for interview/info. Support Groups for people who have lost a loved one to AIDS—eight-wk groups are open to everyone, call 750-5718 for info/reg.

Visual Aid: Artists for AIDS Relief provides vouchers for art supplies to professional artists with life-threatening illnesses. Vouchers are redeemable at participating Bay Area art & photo stores. Applicants must have a letter of diagnosis of AIDS or other life-threatening illnesses. Info: 391-9663.

The Respite Care Program of Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF (VNH) offers up to 250 hours of respite care services so that family caregivers may have a break from caregiving responsibilities. The program is supported by CARE Act ("Ryan White") funding, and there is no charge to clients who meet the eligibility criteria. Info: 861-6959 ext 554.

Hospice by the Bay is a certified provider of home health care & hospice services for persons with HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses. People may receive these services in their homes or in a skilled nursing facility. Those eligible for services are also provided with practical/emotional support volunteers & support groups. Call 673-2020 for more information.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Tues-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 387-0244.

Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.

Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.

18th Street Services provides outpatient individual & group counseling for gay/bi men and transgenders with alcohol and/or drug problems. Sliding scale, no one turned away for inability to pay. Multicultured staff. HIV/AIDS info & referral. 217 Church St, SF. Call 861-4898.

Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the "Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.

16 Steps to Empowerment: Group for people who feel left out or turned off by 12 Step groups. Meets Wed at 5:30 pm. For info call Christine 661-5716 or Elisabeth 928-3679.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery: For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 874-4987.

Lesbians in Recovery meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.

Men-Only Weight Watchers Group meets Wed 6:30 pm at MCC-SF.

Lesbian Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Tues, 8-9:15 pm at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Everyone welcome.

Free Drop-in Group for lesbians, gay men & bisexual women & men with alcohol and/or other drug problems. Thurs eves 7-8 pm. Info, support & referral regarding substance abuse problems. Spons by Operation Recovery (part of Operation Concern.) 1853 Market, SF. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 626-7000 V/TTY.

Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $35. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 554-9763.

Men's Sexual Addiction 12-Step Group (SLAA) at the Parsonage. Focus on recovery and fellowship. Wed at 8 pm. Free. 555A Castro St, SF.

Adult Children of Alcoholics Gay & Lesbian Mtg: 8 pm Wed nights in the Castro district at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 104. Info: Pauline 428-1048.

Self-Mutilators Anonyous (SMA) of SF: Meets 1st & 3rd Sat of each month, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Castro. This is a closed meeting, please call (510) 538-4563 for more info. SMA is a recovery program based on the 12 Steps.

Self-Mutilators Anonymous (SMA) Sonoma County: 2nd & 4th Tues, 7:30-8:30pm in Petaluma. This is a closed meeting. Please call (707) 528-9216 for info.

For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 424280, SF, 94142. Hrs: Sat & Sun 2-5 pm, or by appt. You must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr Library: Research & lending library contains books, periodicals and clipping files about cancer and women's health issues. Library will mail out info & answers questions over the phone. Hrs: Tues 2-5 pm, Wed 4-7 pm, Sat noon-4 pm. Info: (510) 548-9272. 3023 Shattuck Ave at Emerson, Berkeley.

DAIR (Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research) maintins a categorized collection of over 150,000 clippings from magazines, newspapers & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 1970s to the present. Hrs: 11:30 am]4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 673-0862. Mailing address: 2336 Market St #33, SF 94114.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Women's Rap at Pacific Center: A safe place for Bi women. Drop-in group for women interested in bisexuality. ASL interpretation available by prior arrangement. Wheelchair Accessible. Wed 8-9:45 pm at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women of Color Group: Social/support group for bisexual women. Lesbian women welcome. Info: 922-1021.

Bi Women's Support Group: Meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. Group meets 7-9 pm on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Wed of each month, and 1-3 pm on the last Sun. Info/location: Valerie 641-1308.

Bisexual Men of Color Group: Support group for bisexual men of color meets last Sun at 6:30 pm. For info/location call (510) 465-9671.

Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 648-6332.

Bi-Friendly UC: Rap & social group for all members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community. Meets Wed, 6:30-8:30 pm. Location/info: (510) 642-6942. Spons by MBLGA (Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance). Wheelchair Accessible.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay: Call Betsy (510) 845-7441 for mtg location, time & other info.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.

Side by Side peer support group for bisexual men & women in Sonoma County, meets every Wed in a safe, confidential & friendly environment. 7-7:30 social, followed by mtg till 9:30, with short social time after mtg. Focus on any issues brought up by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome! Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Support & discussion group welcomes any bisexual, questioning or bi-friendly woman. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Thurs of each month, 7-9 pm, followed by social at a local cafe. New participants are asked to attend the 2nd Thurs meeting. $3-5 donation requested. Quarterly network listings available, send SASE to BiNet, PO Box 934, Santa Cruz, 95061-0934. For location/info call (408) 427-4556.

Goddess-Oriented Bisexual Women's Social Group meets monthly. Info: 979-4023.

Co-gender Bisexual Social Group for bisexual youth, spons by YRIC. See Youth.

Bisexual Group meets every Wed eve, 7-9 pm in SF. Couples 30+ especially welcome. Info/location: 441-1866.

Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Gay/Lesbian Veterans of the Vietnam/Gulf War Eras: The Nation magazine seeks accounts of your experiences working/living alongside straights and/or other gays in the military, for a special edition to be devoted to gays & lesbians in America, one section of which will feature essays from those who have served/are serving in the armed forces. Send short accounts (1200 words max, 2-3 typed pages) describing what the atmosphere is like for gays/lesbians in combat, on routine duty or in the barracks. If sexual activity was an option for you while in the service, feel free to write about it. Send entries SASE to Mark Marton, The Nation, PO Box 423475, SF 94142. For details call Mark 621-4274.

Restless Pens: A Gay & Lesbian Playwrights Festival, spons by Golden Gate Performing Arts, The New Conservatory Theatre Center & Theatre of Arts Original, seek full-length plays for possible production & scenes. Send one-acts and works-in-progress for possible staged reading. Subject matter is open, but all playwrights must be openly gay or lesbian. For details send copyrighted script with $15 to Golden Gate Performing Art, Restless Pens, PO Box 421491, SF 94142-1491. Deadline: 5/31.

Bedside Companions: Essex Hemphill, cultural activist/editor (*Brother to Brother: New Writings by Black Gay Men*) seeks submissions to *Bedside Companions*, his forthcoming anthology of short fiction by Black gay men. The anthology "aims to chart territory beyond the coming-out stories and the political treatises on racism... to more closely examine home, friendship, family—immediate and extended—lovers, 'brothers,' and the impact life's joys & sorrows have on these relationships." Guidelines: Send each piece of short fiction (10-20 pgs) in duplicate with SASE. No poems, essays, entire novels, plays or play excerpts. No simultaneous submissions. No gratuitous sex, violence, misogyny or sexism. Black gay artists interested in submitting art work for the anthology's cover & illustrations are encouraged to send up to 6 slides, clearly numbered & identified, with SASE. Cover slides may be b&w and color, inside slides are b&w only. Send original, unpublished submissions with SASE to: Essex Hemphill, Anthology 1993, 401 Wilshire Blvd, Ste 700, Santa Monica, CA 90401-1455. Deadline: 6/1.

SexArt 3: Mark I Chester seeks artwork on sex, sexuality & eroticism for his annual Folsom St Fair Show. Open to all media with a special interest in black & white photography. Deadline: 7/15. For appt, leave message at 544-1136; for a prospectus, send SASE to POB 422501, SF 94142.

I Never Said Goodbye to Nat: Submissions of poetry, letters, prose, etc., written to or for those who have died of

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Dominature: Artists Television Access (ATA) seeks short (25 min or less) film & video works and 2-D works (ie photos, paintings, etc) exploring the human relation to nature, particularly illustrating themes of domination, consumption and exploitation; or offering alternative perceptions of this relationship. Submit work on ½" VHS or slides to: Dominature, Artists Television Access, 992 Valencia St, SF. 94110. Enclose SASE for return. Info: John Bird or Elizabeth Meyer 824-3890. Deadline: 5/15 for 3-D, 6/1 for video.

Female Artists & Craftswomen are welcome to participate in the 1993 "Celebration of Craftswomen," the largest juried women's crafts fair in the United States, spons by the SF Women's Building and taking place at Ft Mason Center, SF, in December. Application deadline: 6/12. For more info call the Celebration hotline 361-0700 or send SASE to Celebration of Craftswomen, SF Women's Centers, 3543 18th St #8, SF 94110.

We're Not Who You Think We Are: Submissions sought for an anthology on "the silent majority of gays, lesbians & bisexuals." Narratives may include the obvious (Native Americans, hearing impaired, etc) or not-so-obvious (closeted priest or politician, biracial couple suffering discrimination from other gays, lesbian who opposes abortion). The goal of the anthology is to show how varied our community is. Strong opinions encouraged. For more info contact Stephen Kyle, PO Box 2745, Quincy, MA 02269. Manuscripts are to be typed, double-spaced. Length: up to 6000 words. Send SASE. Deadline: 6/93.

MIX: 7th Annual New York Lesbian & Gay Experimental Film/Video Festival (9/9-19) calls for submissions. Mix will consist of nine shows curated by guest curators including programs addressing African diaspora, South Asian, Brazilian and Chinese lesbian/gay/bisexualities, lesbian/bi punk, pornography, queer/anti-queer propaganda, dance/movement, and the body on pins and needles. Submission of films from every imaginable genre is encouraged and welcome. For entry forms send SASE to Mix, 503 Broadway, Ste 503; NY NY 10012 or call (212) 925-5883 for info. Deadline: 6/8.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

Game Night! 6-10 pm every Sat night at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Drop-in, free. Play cards, scrabble, boggle, trivial pursuit, pictionary, or any game you bring. Come meet friendly folks, have some fun! Info: (510) 548-8283.

Women's Night at the Elephant Walk: Every Mon night! Piano bar 8-11 pm. Corner of 18th & Castro, SF.

► HEALTH

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Environmental Health Network provides fre support, info, referrals & advocacy for people with multiple chemical sensitivities. Mtgs held 1st Thurs of each month. Info: 541-5075.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Native American Health Ctr: 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources of SF: Nonprofit center offers restorative & adjuctive approaches to health care by reducing imbalances caused by stress, environment or disease. Info: 255-1928.

of **The Healing Circle**: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.

Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Acupuncture Clinic provides acupuncture & Chinese herbal medicine as primary medical care, and for substance abuse recovery & detox. 60 Brady St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 9 am-noon. Info: 863-1677.

Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents in a sensitive, caring environment. For info/appt call 476-4883.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.

Sacred Circle Dance: Dance ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world. Emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. All dances taught. Beginners welcome! Fri 8-10 pm, 1819 10th St, Berkeley. 4th Fri potlucks held in El Cerrito. Info: Laura or Howard (415) 359-0207.

Dark Shadows Society:. Monthly social gathering for fans & friends; celebrate the lives, times & deaths of Barnabas, Angelique & the rest of the Collins clan. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.

Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

Like to read? Talk about books? Come to an informal monthly potluck brunch & reading discussion group for women. For info/location: Nancy 221-5623.

Bay Area Booklovers: Group for gays & lesbians who take fiction seriously. Meets every 2nd & 4th Sun of the month. Info: Jay 771-3198.

SF Single Lesbian Dogophiles meet 1st & 3rd Sun of each month for friendly, easy dog walks at Ft Funston. Bring your dog, borrow a dog or just come to meet other single dog lovers. Rain cancels. Info: Mary Lee 282-4278 or Elaine 648-2299.

Lavendar Winds Kite Club: Group for gay/lesbian kitefliers, and those with an interest in kites. Lavendar Winds Kite Club is a chapter of the American Kitefliers Association. For more info write Brian, PO Box 5118, #464, Fremont 94537 or call (510) 797-6997.

Dreamers & Dreamworkers Group for those interested in searching the creative power of dreams. Group of loyal friends meets regularly to share our dreams & help each other discuss the meaning of inner thoughts. Info: 584-1034.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm, Sun 2-8 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & life-styles. 621-7300.

SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 333-4357

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.

Epicenter Switchboard: Free, nonprofit information & refferal service offered by Epicenter Zone. The switchboard provides social services information for SF and the Bay Area—healthcare, housing, youth services, legal aid, disabled needs, activists groups, employment, women's needs; lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgender services, crisis lines, parenting help, and much more. Hrs: Mon-Sat, noon-6 pm. Call 431-4600.

SF Rape Treatment Center: 24-hr hotline—206-3222. Call for crisis intervention, medical treatment, in-person counseling and optional legal evidence collection for adult survivors of sexual assault. SFRTC is a multicultural organization supportive of lesbian, gay, biseuxal and transgender people. All services are free and confidential.

Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa & Marin: 24-hr crisis line for sexual assault & abuse survivors. Call (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Eldercare Locator: Provides access to an extensive netowrk of organization sreving older people at state & local community levels. Call (800) 677-1116. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc of Area Agencies on Aging.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call (510) 843-2949.

California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter provides shelter to homeless kids in SF (see Youth). 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove: Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Free. Info: 567-1020.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Emotional support, gen'l info: 9 pm-5 am weekdays, 5 pm-5 am wkends. Call 668-2437 (English), 752-4866 (Spanish).

SF Suicide Prevention Crisis Line: 24 hrs, every day: 221-1423.

SF Youth Line: 752-2000

SF Drug Line: 752-3400.

Dial—A-Dyke: Free telephone bulletin board for women. Call (415) 241-1564 24 hrs a day.

La Raza Lawyer Referral Service (LRLS): Get consultation with an attorney experienced in the area of law you need. Info: 641-1069.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Support Group for Adult Men Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults: Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, non-judgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachob, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222.

Survivors of Incest, Anonymous : 12-step, self-help group meets Tues 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.

Ritual Abuse Survivors (RAS) Group: Group for women & men. Open discussion of all aspects of RA experience. Sat at 1 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: Jennie 648-0347.

Ritual Abuse Survivors Support Group for women who practice some form of Buddhist meditation as part of healing from RA. Meet monthly to sit, write, share. No writing experience necessary. Free. Info: (510) 534-9928.

Sexual Assault & Abuse Survivors offered individual therapy, support groups, legal advocacy & crisis line thru Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa and Marin. Info: (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous: Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: (510) 839-8844.

Support Group for Lesbian Partners & Close Friends of Childhood Sexual Abuse Survivors: Provides space for personal issues, while recognizing the overall societal context of oppression. Not a 12-Step group. Non-facilitated, group members determine group focus. Info: Suzanne 826-1113.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.

Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have experienced domestic violence, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Call Nancy at 863-3315 or 255-2754.

Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.

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► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Pursuing Fertility: Support group for women who have made 10 or more insemination attempts. Group explores the emotions & complications associated with trying to get pregnant. Info: Marsha (510) 835-8919.

Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking coparenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.

Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.

Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

Lesbians with Babies Group meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Single Parents: Meet to schmoooz, give mutual support. Info: Michele 826-9215.

Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.

Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.

Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.

NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF, Box 28, SF 94110.

Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.

The Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents, see Health.

Support Group for Non-Biological, non-legal, "other" mothers whose parental rights are not being honored by the biological mother; or who feel in danger of not being allowed to see their children. Eastbay location. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311.

Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.

Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.

Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.

Bisexual Men of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.

Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.

African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.

Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.

Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.

Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.

AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.

Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.

CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.

GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that promotes the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 4th Sat of every month. Newsletter & various activities. For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 267-4892.

AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Group committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. Mtgs/potlucks held 1st Sat of each month. Call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.

Asian Pacific Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Young (510) 465-7394. for more information.

Asian Pacifica Lesbian Network (APLN): Nat'l network for lesbians & bisexual women of Asian/Pacific Islander descent. Monthly mtgs in SF or Oakland. For times, dates & other info call (415) 928-8885 or (510) 482-0787.

Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.

Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.

Japanese American Gay Social (JAGS): Non-political, informal social group for persons of Japanese ancestry. Info: 584-7224.

Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.

Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.

Pacific Friends-SF: Non-political organization whose sole purpose is to promote greater cross-cultural understanding & friendship between Asian/Pacific Islanders and other cultures, thru cultural, educational & social activities. Info: Robert 227-0946 or Elliot 564-7199.

Arab Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For info write ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114 for call (510) 428-0179.

African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.

The Brothers Network provides emotional support to African American gay and bisexual men who are HIV+. Services include support groups, peer counseling. See AIDS Resources.

African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.

Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont CA 94002.

Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.

Arab Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For details write: ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114. Call (510) 428-0179 for info/location of next meeting.

Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.

Young Women of Color Group spons by LYRIC. See Youth.

► PERFORMANCE & WRITING GROUPS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.

Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts: "multidiscipinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.

VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call 773-9181.

Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: 861-7067.

Rainbow Singers: Spiritually-centered vocal ensemble of gay/queer men; performs chants, rounds, improvisations for healing, empowering & celebrating. Mostly a capella, but drums, instruments welcome. Experience & music-reading preferred. Call Kristopher 621-4099 for details.

The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 333-2755. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.

Lesbian Chamber Musicians Group for lesbians interested in exploring chamber music by women of the past & music by women living today; preparing house concerts of women's music; and holding informal evenings for reading traditional chamber music. Info: Anne 661-3886.

Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Ensemble meets wkly in the Eastbay. Group committed to creativity & fun! Rehearsals on Thurs eves or Sun afternoon, instrumentalists of all types & abilities are encouraged. Info: 1-(800) 999-6795.

Community Women's Orchestra: Amateur ensemble open to all women who play an orchestral instrument & have ensemble playing experience. String players especially needed & welcome. Wkly rehearsals in SF & Eastbay. CWO plays works by women composers as well as traditional orchestral repertoire. Info: (510) 428-1350.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.

Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.

Novel Writing Group for women who are in the process of writing a novel. Meets in SF twice per month. Info/location: Eliza 759-5898.

Novelists' Wkshop & Support Group: Meets Mon nights in SF. Women & men together. Submit 10 pages for review. Free. Info: Rita 824-9083 or Adrian 626-3129.

Lesbian Womanist/Feminist Writer's Group welcomes committed writers of all genres, and racial & cultural diversity. Weekly mtgs in the Eastbay. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311 or Marion (510) 208-3241 for details.

Visual Artists Critique Group: Ongoing group mtgs provide consistent & informed feedback to visual artists. All levels of skill, technique & creativity are welcome; politically insprired or socially conscious work is encouraged, but not essential. Info: Claude 821-7931.

Mark I Chester's SEXART Salon: Salon & parties focused on sexuality & creativity. Participants share artwork (your own or someone else's) such as reading, performance & static art that explores sex, sexuality & eroticism. New performers welcome, regardless of experience. Events are open to men & women of all sexualities. Info: 544-1136 (leave message).

Bay Area Raw Rahs: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance group open to men & women who are interested in mastering and performing dance routines, human pyramids, partner lifts & gymnastic stunts. Practices held Tues, 6-8 pm at Jon Sims Center, Mission St, SF. Info: Steve (510) 228-7497 or Michael (415) 863-0533.

SF Fringe Riders: Bay Area's only women's country western performance dance troupe welcomes new members. Info: Wendy (510) 525-5912. For mailing list inclusion call Diane (510) 532-0281.

LIPS: (Lesbian Installation Projects). Work on projects with others lesbians artists in a studio space. Ongoing workshops in different media. Info: Pamela (510) 222-4552.

Lesbian Playwrights Group meets Sunday afternoons. For details call (415) 282-4510 (SF) or (510) 436-3324 (Eastbay).

► POLITICAL

Queer Nation: A working activist group which utilizes direct action to oppose & eliminate heterosexism & homophobia. For meeting times, location & info call the Queer Line, 985-7141.

Transgender Nation: A focus group within Queer Nation fighting specifically for transgender rights, within the general struggle for queer rights. Group meets Wed at 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.

Queer Scouts is devoted to exposing & eliminating the homophobia, racism, sexism & religious tyranny of the Boy Scouts of America. Info: 985-7141.

Queer Planet: An int'l human rights organization whose purpose is to defend the human & civil rights of sexual minorities & eliminate discrimination against lesbians, gays, bisexuals & transsexuals. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Tues of each month, 7:30-9 pm at New College, 50 Fell St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Polk, SF.

Queers for Cuba works to build solidarity btwn Cuba's struggle to survive as a sovereign socialist nation & our struggles for social justice here. For info call 995-4678 or write 3543 18th St, Box 33, SF 94100.

ACT UP East Bay currently works on insurance discrmination & housing issues. Meets monthly, call (510) 836-4401 for time & place, or write PO Box 8074, Oakl CA 94608.

ACT UP/Golden Gate holds general meetings on Tues 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B, SF (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance. Info: 241-8800. FAX 252-9277. Mailing address: 519 Castro St, MS-93, SF 94114.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114.

GLAAD East Bay meets 4th Sun of every month, 7 pm, at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.

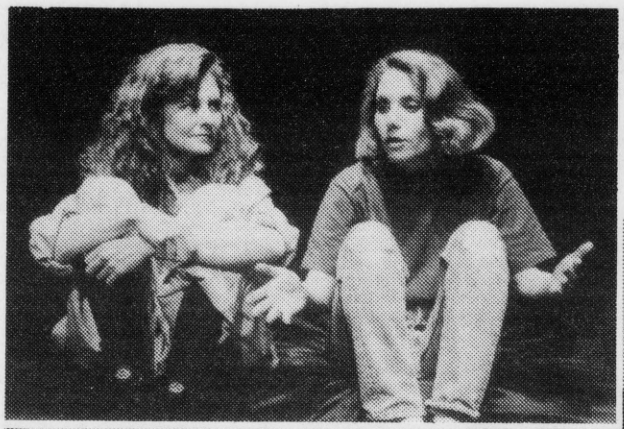
GLAAD South Bay meets 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm, at the Billy DeFrank Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose.

BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

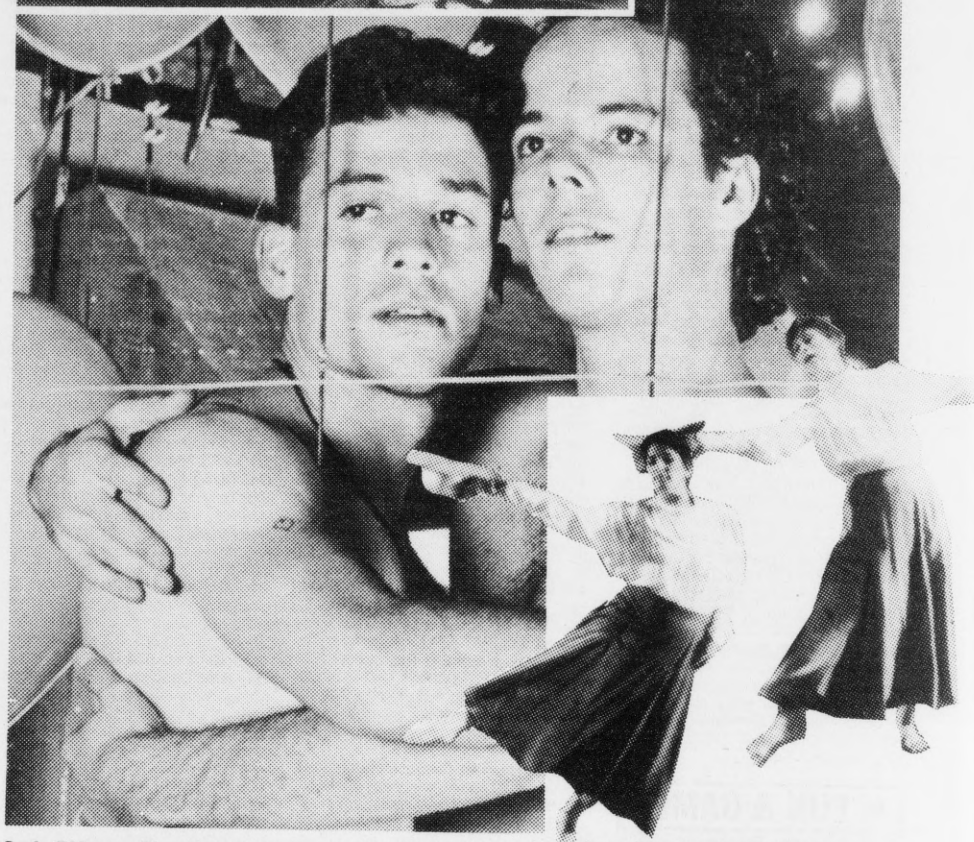
Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.

Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.

Gays in the Military: Help lift the ban! Call the Bay Area Military Freedom Project 306-0477.



Alice Barden (l) and Amy Resnick in Claire Chafee's comedy "Why We Have a Body," thru May 23. OnStage has info. Photo by Jeff Rowlings



Carlo D'Amore (l) and Frank Gedden in "La Ronde II," a round-robin of sexual couplings. OnStage has info. Photo by David Allen

Anne Bluethenthal & dancers, May 9 at JCC. Calendar has details.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.

Lavender Greens: Independent gay/lesbian/bi/trans Green group creating ecofeminist community thru mtgs/salons. Meets 3rd Sat every month. Info: Anita (510) 465-4445 or Jim (415) 252-9169.

Stonewall Gay Democratic Club: A demo club for women & men which focuses on Democratic politics as well as AIDS, breast cancer & gay freedom issues. Meets 1st Tues of each month at 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Mtgs are often panel discussions of current topics of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities, interspersed with political endorsement meetings. Visitors welcome! Info: Steve Kline, 824-2671 or 255-8673.

Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group): A nat'l political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals & gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.

Men Against Circumcision: Nat'l organization for support & activism. Runs Harm Documentation Project and Action Alert Network. For more info write NOHARMM, PO Box 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.

Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.

Pallas Athena Network: Open, supportive network for women veterans. Share issues, experiences & thoughts with other women who share the bond of military service. All women vets welcome, regardless of sexual orientation. Group publishes newsletter, with discreet lesbian supplement. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Contact: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.

G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.

Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 281-0788 for meeting times & other information.

United Airlines Lesbian & Gay Employees Coalition: Group lobbies for domestic partnership benefits & encourages company participation in gay & lesbian events. For info write GLUE Coalition, 2261 Market St, #293, SF 94114-1693 or call (800) 999-3448.

Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.

Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for men & women in city planning & related professions. Bi-monthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.

BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) supports lesbian, gay & bisexual educators by providing monthly social gatherings & working for equality in education. Membership confidential. Educators, their families & friends are welcome. Info: SF—(415) 285-5078, Eastbay (510) 234-4627, Contra Costa County (510) 687-4851, Southbay (408) 298-1231, Sonoma County (707) 526-7931.

National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA): The gay "j's" are journalists & supporters focusing on workplace & coverage issues in the mainstream media. Info: 905-4690.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.

Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.

Senior Information & Referral Service, spons by the SF Commission on the Aging, is located at 25 Van Ness Ave, Suite 750, SF. 24-hour phone line: 626-1033.

Eldercare Locator helps families & friends find information about community services for older people, anywhere in the United States and its territories. The service is funded in part by the Older Americans Act. For info call (800) 677-1116.

Lesbians Losing Eyesight: Self-help group for older lesbians who are experiencing age-related eyesight loss. Group explores practical, social & emotional issues of eyesight loss & aging from a feminist perspective. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc for Visually Handicapped. Info: 221-3201.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.

Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.

Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance at UC Berkeley (MBLGA): See Support Groups.

Sunset Rising: Sunset District (Inner & Outer) gays, lesbians & bisexuals gather for social & volunteer activities. Join us! Info: 753-6435.

Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info write PO Box 1238, Fremont, CA 94538 or call (510) 713-2455. (510) 596-3578.

Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets 10:30-1:30 pm on the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. You don't have to live in the Berkeley Flats to attend, just bring something to eat or drink. Call the hotline (510) 273-2465 for location.

Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.

Melting Pot/Palo meets monthly in our homes. Group welcomes all ages, singles & couples, multiracial, open to all diversity. Info: Jay or Tom 858-2800.

Melting Pot/Mountain View meets monthly in our homes. All ages, singles & couples, multiracial, diversity welcome. Info: Joe 961-1296.

Melting Pot/San Mateo County meets monthly in our homes. All ages, singles & couples, multiracial, diversity welcome. Info: Jay or Tom 858-2800.

Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.

Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara (510) 528-9026 or Judy (510) 525-6866.

Oakland Lesbians living between Telegraph, Broadway, 40th & 51st Streets: Meet your lesbian neighbors for community & fun! Call (510) 655-8792 for more info & to get on the mailing list.

Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.

Napa Valley Men's Network: Social organization of gay and bisexual men over 18, from Northbay counties. Group meets for potluck dinners on the 2nd Sun of each month, and for addt'l events as scheduled. For newsletter, write PO Box 4307, Napa 94558.

Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.

Generation X-Ers: Rap/social group for progressive-thinking twentysomethings (women especially encouraged). Dicussion topics: mid-twenties breakdown, generation identity, PC, activism, Bradys, etc. SF location. Info: 252-9097.

Die naechsten Potluckparty des Deutschen Freundschaftskreises erfolgt am dritten Freitag des Monats. Alle, die Deutsch sprechen oder Interesse haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Fuer weitere Infos bitte Don unter 329-1438 anrufen.

Venite! Gruppo sociale per chiacchierare in italieno. Last Friday eve of each month. Call 824-2323.

Russian-speaking potluck social: 2nd Fri of every month. All ability levels welcome, from native to beginner. Info/location: Don 329-1438.

Language Practice/Social Group for people of color; see People of Color.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.

Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.

East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.

New Horizons: Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in San Anselmo, Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: 457-3523.

East Bay Men: Get together for various social events—dinners, cinemas, etc. Couples & singles welcome. Non-sexual. Info: PO Box 866, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 466-0455.

Social Group for Bay Area professional & business men. Meet for dining out, cinemas & other social events. Alternative to the bars. Non-sexual. Write PO Box 1397, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 527-9244.

Older Single Dykes Social Group: Social activies, friendship, networking & support in an alcohol, drug, s/m, smoke & perfume-free environment; for dyke-centered lesbians over 40. Dyke separatists especially welcome. Info: (510) 482-0635.

Eastbay Dykes Separatist Social Group meets for fun, discussion, and to expand our Separatist support network. Assume no s/m, drugs, alcohol, smoking or perfume. Info/location: (510) 482-0635 or (510) 655-8792.

The Irish Lesbian & Gay Organization meets monthly. Info/location: 929-8877.

Negatives Being Positive: Social group of HIV negative gay men, spons by the AIDS Health Project. See Main Calendar listings for upcoming events or call the Event Line 476-6448 and press option 4 at the recorded message.

Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.

The Guys: A social alternative for athletic, active gay guys. Sun brunches, Tahoe, hiking, beaches, biking, pool, bowling, etc. Info:(510) 531-5836.

Brainy, Artsy Gals: Group meets for potluck parties, first Fri of each month. SF & Eastbay locations. Info: (510) 658-9389.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.

Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy or Joyce (510) 653-8494.

Jewish Lesbians, bisexual women & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF & EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Please wear no scents. Info: 821-4009.

Nishmat Shalom: An Eastbay feminist minyan. Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call (510) 559-9759 for details.

Gay Buddhist Fraternity: For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info write: The Gay Buddhist Fraternity, PO Box 173, 2261 Market St, SF 94114. Please include your phone number.

Vajrayana Buddhist Support Group for gay/bisexual men meets in SF. Practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism are welcome to join a supportive circle of male friends. Info: 863-7532.

Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.

Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.

Witches Support Group meets to address issues. Women only. Jewish witches especially welcome. Info: 985-7473 leave message for Janette.

Women's Spirituality/New Moon Shamanic Circle: Drumming, ritual, journeying, prayer. Free. SF location. Info: Mireya 648-7592.

Imaging the Goddess as a personal, political & fun action. Make a unique politicl statement, explore your creativity & connections to strong images of wimmin. Free wkshops offered throughout Spring, all wimmin welcome, art-phobics especially encouraged. Eastbay & SF locations, call (510) 655-2179 for info.

Spiritual Company, a non-sectarian meditation & discussion group meets 1st & 3rd Sun of each month, 10:30 am-12:30 pm in SF. Group's purpose is to support & encourage those on individual spiritual paths. Call 864-4209 or write 95 Corwin St #2, SF 94114.

J Krishnamurti Dialogues & Video Screenings offered in SF and the Eastbay. Call (415) 469-0606 for info.

St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.

Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.

St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.

Dolores Street Baptist Church: Small, inclusive & caring congregation of folks from many backgrounds & religious traditions. Sunday: 9:30 am Biblical Discernment on Today's Issues; 11 am worship. 208 Dolores St, SF. Call 861-1434 for more info or church vision statement. Everyone welcome!

Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.

American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.

Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.

Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.

Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.

Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.

St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.

Alameda First Congregational Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.

St John's United Church of Christ, Laguna Honda at Woodside. An open & affirming church, welcoming people of all ages, races, shapes, sizes and abilities. Worship at 10 am with people who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay & lesbian. Diversity is encouraged & celebrated. People who love to sing are especially welcome! Info: 731-9333.

Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.

New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. Potluck every 3rd Sun. All welcome! Rev Barry Wichman, pastor. Leslie Addison, clergy intern. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.

MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.

Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.

New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa meets 11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.

Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Betty Pederson (707) 869-0552.

Evangelicals Concerned-SF Bay Area: Local chapters in SF, Eastbay, San Jose, of national pro-lesbian/gay Christian organization. Weekly discussion/Bible study groups, social activities & retreats. Be affirmed of both your sexuality & spirituality. Call Andrea or Jeff at (415) 621-ECWR (3297) for details.

Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Ministry for all communities. Promotes spiritual, mental, physical & social wholeness thru Jesus Christ. Sunday worship service at 6:30 pm at 50 Belcher, SF. Thurs bible study at 7:30 pm, call for location. Info: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 861-2934.

St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.

Open Arms Community Church meets Sun at 7 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga. A non-denominational Christian Church for all lifestyles. Rev John Torres, pastor. Info: (707) 526-2133.

Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of Christians gathered together as local Bible-believing assembly. Lesbian/gay positive outreach. Focus on sharing the gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ with our community & to enourage one another in "the faith once delivered unto the saints." Worship & praise service on Sun 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Wed eve sharing & study of God's Word at Dolores St Baptist Church, 15th & Dolores, SF at 7:30 pm. For more into write PO Box 14462, SF 94114-4462 or call 647-0184.

Faith Fellowship: Sun services 6 pm, bible study Wed at 6:30 pm. All welcome! 22577 Bay View Ave, Hayward. Info: (510) 537-2992.

Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.

Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Noe Valley: Friendly neighborhood & community church. Emphasis on liturgy, preaching, music, social activities. Rev Armand Kreft, vicar; Rev Karen Siegriedt, deacon. Solemn Mass at 10 am, Sun. 455 Fair Oaks St, btwn 25th & 26th, Dolores & Gurrero, SF. Info: 824-5142.

St John the Evangelist Church. Christian fellowship in strong liturgical tradition. Welcomes gays & lesbians. Daily Eucharist. Grief support, quiet prayer, Bible study, inclusive women's group. Sun service 11 am. 1661 15th St, SF, near BART station. Entrance on Julian. Info: 861-1436.

Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends, local chapter of an international organization, co-spons

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lively discussions every Thurs eves, 7-9:30 pm at the Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.

The Parsonage, an Episcopalian ministry at 555 A Castro St, SF, advocates justice for lesbian/gay people, and witnesses to the godliness of gay/lesbian love. Together with Integrity, the assoc of gay/lesbian Episcopalians, the group sponsors programs every Thurs eve at 7 pm. Call 552-2909 for program details, further info.

Integrity/El Camino Real: Episcopal gay & lesbian ministry meets at churches from Palo Alto to Monterey on the 3rd Sun of each month. 5:30 pm service, potluck at 6:15 pm, program & discussion at 7 pm. Jim: (415) 493-1253 or Russ (408) 294-2026.

Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 5:30 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.

Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.

Dignity/SF: Faith community of lesbian, gay & bisexual Roman Catholics & friends. Inclusive-language Mass every Sun at 5:30 pm at Dolores Street Church, 100 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Call 255-9244 for more info.

Prayer & Support Group for Hispanic, gay & lesbian Catholics, spons by Dignity/SF, meets every 7:30 pm every 2nd Fri of the month for prayer at Dolores Street Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Dignidad/SF Catolicos gay y lesbiana de habla hispana se reunen para apoyo y oraciones el segundo viernes de cada mes 7:30 pm en Dolores St Church 16 y Dolores. Info: Jaime 252-7623.

Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St (18th & Diamond, in the Castro), SF. Masses: Sat 5 pm; Sun 7:30 & 10 am. Weekdays 8 am & 5:30 pm. Outreach to lesbians & gay men, AIDS support group. All welcome. Info: 863-6259.

Noe Valley Ministry: An inclusive More Light Presbyterian community. Worship service: 10 am Sun; Cantate, a joyous service of chanting, meditation & prayer, 2nd Sun of each month at 7 pm. Women's spirituality gathering, an exploration of sexuality, spirituality & justice, 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm. All lifestyles are welcome! 1021 Sanchez St, SF. Info: 282-2317.

Peace United Church: Liberal Protestant church; small & caring community, creative worship gatherings. Sensitive to social & political justice issues. Two lesbian ministers. Worship service Sun at 5 pm; Monte Vista Ave at Oakland Ave, in back of Plymouth UCC, Oakland. Info: (510) 486-0625. Childcare provided. Wheelchair Accessible.

GLAD Alliance (Gays, Lesbians & Affirming Disciples) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets the 3rd Sun of each month, 4-7 pm at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 644-1823 or (510) 652-6036.

The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.

World Peace/Inner Peace: Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners, Wed at 5:30 pm.

Tayu Center, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study group meets every Tues eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

First Church of Religious Science of Oakland's lesbian & gay family meets to celebrate "our powerful lifestyle & consciousness and to expand our understanding of the practical techniques and the empowering teachings of our philosophy... free of dogma or judgements." Info: Robert 832-7120.

Gay Clergy Support: Group for Professed Religious who would like to socialize and exchange with other gay religious and clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 649-1408 for details.

SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Thurs 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 3.5 mi. run; Sun 9 am, variable location runs. Info: Mike 206-9312.

Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Baylands Frontrunners: Social and running/walking club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Southbay & Peninsula locations. Men & women welcome. Group meets every Sat at 9 am at the Baylands Athletic Center in Palo Alto. For more info call (408) 984-4076.

SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 826-3489 eves.

Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular "Decide & Ride" each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.

Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys in a positive, non-toxic outdoor environment. Informal club gathers for hikes, bike rides, camping trips, as well as purely social events. No membership fees. For info call 721-4299.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD (510) 653-6127. For info & free sample newsletter: 281-5666 (24-hrs).

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call (408) 229-1234 for info.

0**Wilderness Women** explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.

Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Practices: Thurs at 7 pm, Sun at 12:30 pm. Info: Gene 821-2991.

SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont, CA 94002.

Pegasus Motorcyle Club for gay, Bay Area men: Explore Calif backroads & points of interest. Monthly 1 or 2-day runs. For info/details call Jay/SF, (415) 861-2872, Ed/Eastbay (510) 531-5243 or Allen/Marin (415) 389-0905. Also check Main Calendar.

Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.

Northern Calif Rainbow Divers: Lesbian & Gay Scuba Club for the active diver in Northern Calif. Meets 2nd Tues of every month at 7:30 pm at the Sierra Club, 730 Polk St, SF. Info: Greg Abrams 821-2877.

SF Tsunami Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim team invites swimmers of all ages, races, gender & abilities to enjoy both competitive and non-competitive swimming. Group participates in meets, lake swims, int'l gay aquatic events & numerous social events throughout the year. Coached workouts wkends & wknights. Info/locations: 431-1933.

Barbary Coast Boating Club: Gay yacht club serving Northern Calif. Meets 3rd Wed of each month at the Berkeley Yacht Club, 7-9 pm. All interested visitors are welcome! Info: 905-6267.

Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.

Women's Soccer Team welcomes experienced players, especially goalies. Info: (510) 523-5373 or (415) 647-3205.

Men's Soccer Team, SF Spikes, practices Tues 5:30-dark at Beach Chalet. Games on Saturdays. For details call Carlo 821-4248.

Women's Field Hockey League: Only women's field hockey group in the Bay Area. Sunday games. Call 431-2720.

SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.

Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 695-9056 or 863-2789.

Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114 or call 626-5427 x2.

SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm, 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.

Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Kenpo Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 731-7560.

Aikido Arts Center: For women, men, kids. Special beginners classes. Mornings & evenings. Info: 861-6044.

Hand to Hand Martial Arts: Nonprofit provides dynamic, woman-centered martial arts & self defense training in the Eastbay. Head instructor: Coleen Gragen, 4th degree black belt. Info: (510) 428-0502.

PAWMA (Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists) promotes martial arts training for women in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Provides info on schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances & more. Call 664-7034 or write PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley 94701-12861 for info.

Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.

BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.

ABS (Arcadia Bodybuilding Society): Int'l bodybuilding organization, organizers of the annual SF gay/lesbian Physique Show. All levels welcome. Info: 978-9495.

Lesbian & Gay Ultimate Frisbee Team: Meets Sat 11 am-1 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. If you can play weekly & want a good workout, you're welcome! Call Claire 285-0936 for more info. All skill levels are welcome.

Rollerblade Club for beginners on the Peninsula. Call Elena 592-7183.

East Bay Gay/Bi Sports Players soical group: Competitive, but for fun only. No regular attendance or commitment required. Choice of softball, volleyball, tennis, basketball, football or other sports. All levels welcome. Suggestions welcome. Info: 769-7583.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Tues of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.

Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.

Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

Adoptee Support Group for adoptees & those interested in adoptee issues. Mon 7:30-9 pm at SF State Women's Center, Student Union, 2nd floor, room 114. Free. Everyone welcome! Info: BJ 885-6124.

Drop-in Gay Men's Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Join other gay men of all ages for a wkly support group, Tues 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Monday Gay Men's Group at Pacific Cetner, Berkeley: Join 50-100 gay men at this weekly drop-in group offering multiple-topic discussion & social time. Mon 7:45-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Drop-in Lesbian Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Tues eves, 8-9:50 pm. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

Walnut Creek Lesbian Discussion Group meets Mon at 7 pm at Pacific Center, 1250 Pine St, #301, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.

Walnut Creek Gay Support Group meets Tues at 7 pm at Pacific Ctr, 1250 Pine St #301, Walnut Creek. Info: 939-7711.

Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.

Lesbians w/mild MS: Informal support group meets monthly. For info & location, call Blue (510) 658-2477 or Ilene (415) 221-2361.

Headache Support Group meets twice a month in SF. For info call Judy 459-5839.

Support Group for Women whose partners have a chronic illness. Build a circle of friends you can draw support from. For info call Pam 641-0461.

Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Coming Out Support Group at Billy DeFrank Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Focus on issues of people who are just coming out. Meets 3rd Sat of every month, 1-3 pm. Info: (408) 293-2429.

Tri-Valley Gays/Lesbians: Support group for all gay people in the Tri-Valley area meets in Pleasanton, Mon at 5 pm at The Center, 4725 First St, Plesanton. Info: Claudia Hartley (510) 846-2085.

Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).

Career Support Group for Midlife lesbians who are unemployed, changing carers, newly employed or underemployed. 8-wk groups facilitated by Lloyda French, MS, spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Mon 6-8 pm, low fee. Info: 431-6405.

Personal Support Group for Midlife Lesbians, spons by Options for Women Over 40. Facilitated by Lee Bowman, LCSW. Focus on personal issues: midlife transition, sex, relationships, health, aging, change. 8-wk groups. Wed 6:30-8 pm, low fee. Info: Options 431-6405.

Support Group for Lesbians 45 & Older: Focus on issues of our age group. Info: Ruth Gabriel 864-2565.

Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.

Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 252-9073.

Married/Formerly Married Gay/Bi Men: Wkly support & social group at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.

Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.

Lesbian Couples Group: Support/social group for lesbians. Meets Fri 7:30 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 540-6746 or (510) 548-8283.

Gay Male Couples Support Group meets wkly. Group for men in committed relationships. Info: 861-4045.

Foreskin Restoration Group for men wanting to overcome the mutilation of circumcision & restore our birthright. Technical & moral support mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Spons by RECAP. Info: (510) 827-4077.

Fasting Support Group for Gay/Bi people. Meets weekly in San Mateo. Free. New fasters are welcome! Call Richard 573-8124 for info/location.

Men Against Circumcision: NAtional direct action network. Group runs a Harm Documentation Project, does Action Alerts, etc. Info: NOHARMM, POB 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

Eastbay PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) meet 4th Tues of each month, and welcomes gay, lesbians & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: Betty (510) 547-4657 or Peggy (510) 524-8911.

SF PFLAG: Monthly support group for parents & family of lesbians & gays meets at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St at Market, SF, every 2nd Sun of the month. Gay & lesbian community members are also welcome. Info: 921-8850.

Peninsula FLAG: Monthly support group for parents & friends of lesbians and gays meets 7:30 pm, 2nd Wed of each month at First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave, San Jose and 3rd Thurs of each month at St Bede's Episcopal Church, 2650 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. Group welcomes gay, lesbian & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: (408) 270-8182 or (415) 857-1058.

Woman-to-Woman SM: Outcasts is an educational, support & social group for women interested in s/m between women, including lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women. Info: Write PO Box 31266, SF 94131-0266.

The Deaf Gay & Lesbian Center provides support groups for deaf and hard-of-hearing queers. For info call 885-2341 TDD or use California Relay 1-800-735-2922. Several different groups offered.

MBLGA (Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance) at UC Berkeley spons support groups, socials and other events for members of the UC Berkeley and UCSF communities. Info: (510) 642-6942.

For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, and **"incest/battery therapy."**

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.

Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.

McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.

Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.

Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.

Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.

12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.

Intuitive Hypnotherapy for Women: Free group offers help in assessing the unconscious for intuition, psychic development, inner guidance, health & empowerment issues. 7:30 pm Mondays, North Berkeley location. Info: (510) 527-3844.

For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling"**, **"relationship"**, **"recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!

Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618

SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.

Transsexual Support Group: Group for anyone who is transsexual or has gender issues. Beginners welcome. Group meets every Fri except last Fri of the month at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.

Transgender Nation: Focus group of Queer Nation, see Political.

► YOUTH

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center) offers social/recreational activities for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth, 23 and under. Offices located in the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 2nd floor. Info: 703-6150.

QYA (Queer Youth Alliance): Gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender youth center. 24-hr hotline. Daily events, HIV-positive groups. For queer youth 25 yrs of age or younger. Call 750-3225.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.

California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.

Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-23. Thurs eves, drop-in 6:30 pm, group 7-8:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.

Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.

BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.

LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people. Provides support groups, leadership program, writing & performance classes and social activities. Info: 565-7681. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services.

Constant Craving Coffeehouse for Lesbian & Bisexual Women under 23: Last Thurs of each month at Red Dora's Bearded Lady Cafe, 14th St at Guerrero, SF. 7 pm. Spons by LYFE, LYRIC & the Women's Building. Info: 565-7681. 25-cent coffee & tea, plus music, food, live entertainment & lots of fun!

Young Women of Color Group: lesbians, bisexual & questioning, ages 23 & under. Meets Fri, 7-9 pm at Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info: LYFE 565-7681 or LYRIC 703-6150.

GALTIP (Gay & Lesbian Teen Intervention Program) provides info & confidential counseling in San Mateo County for youth and their families affected by issues of sexual identity. GALTIP is a program of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA. Info: Denee 342-5216.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter: Shelter for homeless kids in SF, part of SF Youth Network. 70 percent lesbian & gay staff. Open 9:45 pm-9 am. Offers shelter, meals, crisis counseling & referrals. Free. 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove, SF. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Open to youth ages 13-17. No referral necessary to receive services. Call 567-1020 for info.

Young Lesbians: (25 & under). Ongoing rap/support group meets every Tues evening, 6-7:30 pm at the Pacific Center, Berkeley. Free. Info: (510) 548-8283

Young women's rap group for lesbian, bisexual & questioning women 23 & under meets Mon 7-9 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. 3rd floor. Info: LYRIC 703-6150.

Young men's rap group for gay, bisexual, transgender & questioning men 23 & under meets Fri 7-9 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Info: LYRIC 703-6150.

Co-gender Bisexual Social Group spons by LYRIC meets Sat 2-4 pm at Eureka Rec Center, 100 Collingwood at 18th, SF. Info: 703-6150.

Gay Youth Community Coalition of the Bay Area: Provides advocacy, educational services, peer counseling, networking & technical assistance to sexual minority youth and youth projects. For details call 386-4297 or write PO Box 846, SF 94101-0846.

Lambda Youth Group: Gay, lesbian & bisexual support group for youth up to age 23 in southern Alameda County. Wkly mtgs on Tues, in a drug & alcohol-free environment. Occasional social activities, field trips, special events. Spons by Project Eden. Confidential. Info: (510) 887-0566.

Walnut Creek Youth Group for gay, lesbian & bi youth under age 21 meets Sun at 1 pm at Pacific Center, 1250 Pine St, Ste 301. Info: (510) 939-7711.

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A large crowd inside and outside The Bear on Castro Street watches and cheers during the C-Span coverage of the historic March on Washington. Photo by Rink

they didn't even ask Betty for money. That's a rainbow of beauty, isn't it? I'm all choked up.

NOTHING ON TV—EXCEPT A BIBLICAL APOCALYPSE

Since I wasn't going to the march I had decided in advance to monitor the media's coverage so I kept the TV on starting Friday. But let me tell you, it sure wasn't much of a chore to keep up with nothing, which was basically what we got till Sunday morning. I chose to take this in on the wide screen at the lovely Giraffe on Polk Street over breakfast cocktails with friends. It was coverage of the main stage, and the block of speakers and performers I saw were frighteningly unexciting, even meek. The representation started to depress me and I wondered if I was really, truly just too goddamned negative to live, because what I was seeing was so ineffective. TV is the one medium that reaches the most people, and the coverage the march got was predictably small and stifled by an air of flat disinterest as usual. It was earmarked by the usual "gay discount" underestimated crowd wide-size figures bandied about—figures with a range that almost suggested a snide "you know, queers always exaggerate" bent to the first sentence of every local newspaper story on Monday. Little things all added up to one inescapable truth: The importance of the March on Washington was being totally, cleverly downplayed by television news. That strikes me as odd considering this march was the largest civil rights demonstration in the history of the United States.

Well, it's time we all face it. In a month the event will be forgotten and the strongest video memory of this period will be fat Texan medical examiners sifting through the ashes of Ranch Apocalypse, or Attorney General Janet Reno defending herself and her big decision again and again and again. And they're still at it, saying she should be fired for ordering the ambush of the Koresh compound that went up in glorious, mysterious televangelist hellfire technicolor prophetic flames, with no rescues. Wait, *that's* the image that will burn in our minds when anyone brings up the month of April back in 1993; not the March on Washington but that screaming, evil ball of fire, that grisly reality that has TV movie written all over it, down in Waco, Texas. I love this story. I also happen to think that Janet Reno is really cool and has handled herself just fine as the biggest little attorney general in the world. But I've been down with Miss Janet Reno for quite some time. That's hip street talk for knowing and liking someone or something.

JANET RENO—SHE'S GOT TO GET IT ON

A friend of mine who is rather a music expert sent me a tape with a song by an all-girl rap group from Miami called Anquiette that came out in the mid- to late-'80s. They do a song called "Janet Reno." It starts with some crudely recorded chatter, "Janet Reno, that's her name... Call Janet Reno... Mmmm-hmmm, she's the one." Then the first four notes of the "Dragnet" theme play and a female voice says, "In our town we have a state district attorney who goes by the name of Janet Reno." More "Dragnet" theme, then,

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Vigilant Columnist Guards Fort As Troops Storm Capital

I didn't go to Washington, D.C., for the historic March on Washington '93, and this simple fact seemed to surprise a lot of people. I kept hearing, "Of all the local journalists, I can't believe you aren't in D.C.," and other such sentiments laden with an incredulous "You call yourself a journalist"-type attitude because I remained behind in San Francisco, not joining my 300,000 to one million gay and lesbian brothers and sisters in a beautiful, tearfully empowering show of unity and strength at our nation's capital.

Judging from the television coverage of the event and the varied reports I heard from people returning, the march spawned new feelings of optimism and power in countless individuals present who had been without them before. This is the singularly most positive effect of the march, and more than enough reason to justify the effort that went into this massive demonstration. The world wasn't changed, but hordes of people experienced the rush of political empowerment for the first time, a change they might remember as one of the major turning points of their lives. The fight for civil rights and political justice is at a new beginning. This is what the march accomplished, with dignity.

It pleased my soul that one of our local gay papers featured a photo of four young men glowing with that vitality of empowerment I've described, standing shirtless in a fountain mooning their gym-empowered buttocks at some monument or other. That's truth, that's beauty, that's empowerment, and it's just swell that incident was captured, chosen for publication and reproduced for all to share. I feel more powerful already.

I had an extensive chat about the March on Washington with Betty of *Betty and Pansy's Severe Queer Review of San Francisco* and more recently, ... *of Washington, D.C.* Those hilarious modern geographical queer guides have the total dish on bars, clubs, restaurants and where to go to gag on really big dick, indoors and out. Informative yet amusing, the books are written in a style that somehow aligns the blunt outlaw, spirit-smut of John Rechy, the meticulousness of an elderly aunt who always brings extra Kleenex on car trips, and the stance of a tough-talking, hungover socialite queen. Best of all, these girls tell the truth. And Betty gave me her true take on the trip to D.C. the other day when I unexpectedly ran into her at a very special photo session. Betty was a fluffer, so we had plenty of time to talk.

Betty asserted and reinforced the greatness of individuals feeling empowered and awakened to wonderful things, but the first words out of her mouth were, "Everyone was on the wrong drugs or something." She intimated her personal shock over the vast amounts of acid-wash denim being worn by our lesbian and gay brothers and sisters, saying she thought it was some kind of international gay law of fashion, not just a local SF ordinance, that acid wash should never be worn in public. She said that you had to wait in long lines to buy just about anything, and boy did people seem to be buying stuff. She said the drag queens were sad but Pussy Tourette did actually get to perform on the main stage—but, they wouldn't let her do the most appropriate, perfectly gay anthemic song in her repertoire, "Free Pussy," because C-Span was there and they apparently were upset that she snuck "French Bitch" in there for a second number. I think anyone who has a problem with "Free Pussy" is lame. Betty moaned about the overall tired entertainment presented on stage but she loved Melissa Etheridge. She said the march organizers did a pretty good job, and then shared with me one of those beautiful moments like the aforementioned four-empowered butt salute. Betty got to ride in a limo to the hotel, she said, a limo rented for the weekend by the esteemed staff of Mike's Night Gallery. "Hi, I'm Mike. Welcome to my limo." Now that's empowerment. I didn't ask, but I bet

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"She locks brothers up for not paying their child support... In your town you probably have someone just like her." Then the song gets rolling, with verses sung or rapped to the tunes of children's songs like "Yankee Doodle" or "Knick Knack Paddy Whack." The first rap reads, "You think you're so slick you don't have to pay/ You stay, get a baby and you run away/ Oh, but I got a tip for yo monkey ass/ The boys that don't pay get cased up fast/ You ask Janet Reno 'cause she lays the law/ And when she's through with you you'll wish you never saw/ Me or the baby or the place that we met/ Diggin' up old woes that you wish you could forget/ The proof is right here, it's livin' and breathin'/ And Janet Reno's makin' sure that I start receivin'/ All the checks that you get, all the money you make/ Janet Reno's gonna make sure and take." Is that right on, or what? The last verse of the song even has a safe sex message to the tune of "Knick Knack Paddy Whack" that goes, "So the next time he makes a selection/ Be sure that you're using some protection/ Think twice the next time before you're jumping in the bed/ Take a minute out and put a rubber on your head" Well, if the girls in Anquiette feel so strongly about Janet Reno then by gum I do too. Someone should try to find this obscure rap group and re-release this song. They could probably use some cash and Janet Reno could probably use the emotional support of hearing it on the radio.

As for the decision to invade the Branch Davidian compound, a maneuver that unexpectedly took the lives of several innocent but brainwashed white-trash cult members under the spell of a charismatic religious psycho-fuck leader who would escort you to the afterlife for a piece of your 12-year-old daughter's ass or a few semi-automatic rifles—too fucking bad they died. Perhaps we should be happy their possibly painful odyssey is over. But what's the big deal? Why are TV crews interviewing parents of dead cult members and glorifying their sadness? This only feeds the controversy over Janet Reno's actions and threatens the ouster of the first female attorney general this nation has ever had. Well, the loss of a loved one is tough but I didn't see any news camera rolling up to my place the last time a friend of mine died, and there have been many chances for well over ten years to catch that story at my house. So the place caught on fire, so 50 to 70 will-less white-trash Jesus freaks die—so fucking what? Who cares? It isn't half as heinous as the last administration's neglect of AIDS as an issue or reality, a wrong decision that's still claiming victims by the minute, and no one's standing trial for that. I'm glad Janet Reno handed down that order, and I find her defense of that decision graceful, honest and intelligent. Don't worry about Janet; she's the right woman for the job, and as Anquiette would say, "Mmmm-hmmm, Janet Reno... believe 'dat!"

Gee, rant on and on much? Afraid I did. In closing I would like to at least mention a bit about music, to validate the fact that I get an occasional free promo or two. I bought one CD recently to support the band that made it, a proper queer consumerist move for the rockin-est pack of dykes around, Tribe 8. Their disc, *By the Time We Get to Colorado,* has six songs, a great cover photo and a thick dose of punk-dyke anarchist angst running through each song. Lubricated by an unapologetic sense of humor, Tribe 8 strikes a fine balance of hating and laughing at others as well as hating and laughing at themselves. Tribe 8 is why I don't have to like Holly Near or pretend like I do ever again. Thank God for Tribe 8; now go buy their release on vinyl, cassette or CD. The vinyl format is only $5.99 at Rough Trade. Other "take-my-word-for-it" releases are the new three-song single by Hole, the lead cut of which is called, "My Beautiful Son." Three songs have never made me wish more for the release of an entire LP, which hopefully we'll see from Hole by summer. Another truly amazing disc is the Butthole Surfers' latest, *Independent Worm Saloon,* produced by Led Zeppelin bassist John Paul Jones. It's a brain-swelling guitar fest and a welcome change from their last two slightly lackluster releases. Buy it and give it some time to grow on you. If you own a bong you will most definitely enjoy *Independent Worm Saloon*—maybe even if you don't.

HAUNTED BY THE PAST

Finally, I'll close with a fun little blind item, an item designed to make the reader guess the identity of someone who will remain nameless to avoid any journalistic bitch fights or possible legal implications. Okay, here it is: On the closing night of Danielle Willis' *Breakfast in the Flesh District,* a one-person foray into the world of stripping, sex work and goth-damage, and the most successful long-running show in the Climate Theatre's history, guess what prominent, notorious porn king—whose recently slain brother figures prominently in Danielle's monologue, having once been her boss—was seen lurking outside the theater with the daughter of the deceased, hoping to join the cast party and hang out with Danielle? After all, it's been so long, and some meddlesome theater director probably went to a lot of trouble to arrange this unsavory meeting, seeing that the unnamed visitor is supposedly doing time in prison, we thought. Danielle, ever-clever, dripping with integrity and still treated like a weirdo who does elaborate sex things for money, chose to skip the party and duck out with her friends for a less formal get-together at her house. She wanted to show us the coffin she sleeps in, order a pizza and listen to the fag neighbors upstairs install track lighting and rearrange the furniture—a fastidious late-night activity she claims they've never stopped doing since she moved in. I love San Francisco. Or do I just love hating it? ✿

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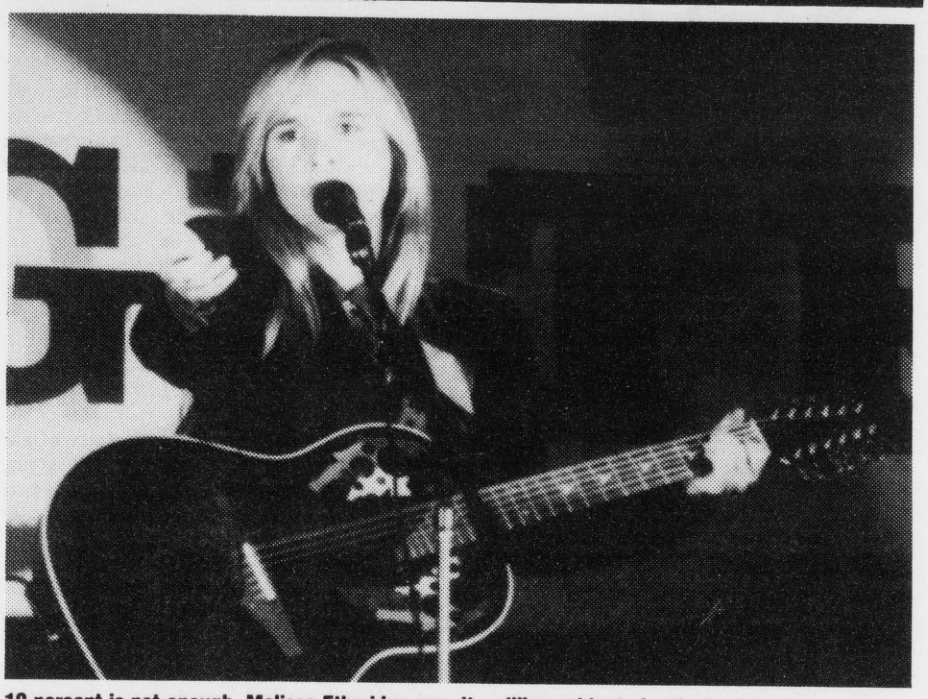

10 percent is not enough. Melissa Etheridge recruits willing subjects for the Lesbian Army. Photo by Val C. Phoenix

Come Out, Come Out! Chatting with Melissa in D.C.

One of my most pleasant experiences in Washington, D.C., was having a chat with Melissa Etheridge the night before the big march.

Melissa, who came out ("I jumped out," she corrects) at the gay and lesbian Triangle Ball in January, has since won a Grammy and is recording a new album. I grabbed her at a hectic reception before the march and fired questions at her as long as she'd answer 'em. She proved to be very gracious and humble, and I liked that she made direct eye contact when she talked.

Martina Navratilova's speech the next day seemed apropos. "I believe the biggest, strongest weapon of our movement for equality is visibility," she said, "and the best way to get it is to come out." In doing so, "We make ourselves personal, touchable, real."

It's reciprocal, too. The dynamic between an out lesbian performer and her audience is something special. I had only to look at Sonia of disappear fear, who told me how much playing at the march meant to her, and who stood onstage that night so overwhelmed she could barely get the words out. She managed to tell the crowd, "I'm so moved by you. You're here from everywhere, like all over this country. I feel like my life is complete."

For Melissa it was new, however. Though she was discovered playing in lesbian bars, and was out to those around her, the inaugural announcement was a long time coming. "I've been out," she says. "I just never stood up in front of a camera and said, 'Hey, I'm a lesbian.' "

(SF Bay Times) Is this the first event after the inauguration that you'll be attending where you'll be publicly out?

(Melissa) I think so, yeah.

How do you feel about the march?

Well, it's very exciting. I think it's a great thing. It's a very important thing, a very important time right now. You know, this is the kind of thing that makes change happen... It pushes things. If me being here for any reason whatsoever, any small reason, helps with that, then I'm so proud and so glad to be here.

You came out at the inauguration—

(Chuckles) Yeah.

What made you do that at that particular time?

Inspiration at the time! k.d.! I don't know. It was everything all together. It was a very intense sense of pride. I had been to the Triangle Dinner and the Triangle Ball and it was just, it was like here we are in this great time. This is a new step forward. Why not?

Do you feel like this is the year? Do you feel like this is the year when maybe more people are coming out more publicly?

I hope so. You never know, 'cause it's a *very* personal thing. It's not like I haven't been out, 'cause I've been out all my life to my parents, friends, anyone I've ever worked with—I've been out. It's common knowledge. I just—to us in the entertainment world or just any sort of celebrity, you have to take one more step than someone who's not in the spotlight... You know, to come out in front of *millions* of people, it's very strange, so that's a sort of personal decision that many other, uh, gay and lesbian entertainers that I know will have to make.

Is the attitude of the entertainment industry based on a concern about sales, or backlash?

Oh, sure. It's all money (laughs). You know? That's the thing. It all comes down to money, and as soon as someone proves that a gay artist can be accepted and make money on down the line and win a Grammy... and all that sort of thing, and it can still turn into dollars and it's not gonna hurt, then it sort of will inspire people to say, "OK," and everyone will go, "Oh, there's no problem."

Do you feel like k.d. lang did that?

I feel like she was *definitely* ahead in that—and we'll see what happens to *my* next album, you know? I mean we'll see if rock 'n' roll—boy rock 'n' roll— stations are going to play me like they have before. You know, 'cause... there's a whole thing goin' on here that we'll just have to see. No one's done it before.

Has coming out changed your writing at all?

Um, no. I still write very personally. I still write—I don't want to be so specific that I actually

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limit maybe straight women or men or gay men or anything. I like to write to where... it can cover whoever wants to bring it in, that it can be personal to whomever.

In addition to the whole thing with k.d. lang and other artists coming out, you took a stand on Colorado fairly early.

Yeah.

Do you feel like Colorado was a big motivating factor in your coming out as well?

I think it was the whole election, the whole sense in the country. I think, you know, Keith Meinhold and all these people who are just little steps at a time were very inspirational—yeah, and Colorado. Having toured at the time when... everyone was campaigning and seeing what was happening in Oregon and Colorado and seeing this happen was all *very* inspirational. It was like, "Wait a minute. That's *me* you're talkin' about," and I wanna *say* that that's me you're talkin' about.

You mentioned k.d. lang earlier. Did you spend time with her, and were you guys talking before you both came out?

Yeah! Yeah. She went through a lot of uh, soul-searching herself and I (chuckles) actually told her, "Look, you're a personality. You are unique and people are gonna go, 'Oh, yeah, we knew. You know, *fine* with that.' You conquered country music. You went right past Nashville and went on." You know, she's so powerful and so original that this can only be a powerful step for her.

You went through something of an image change last year with the last record, and I wondered whether that had anything to do with being pressured or—

No, it's so funny. I think that was one of the strangest things that's happened to me. After my second album, it was two and a half years before I released my third album, and I am like a lot of women who change: I turned 30. I let my hair grow straight. I stopped hair-spraying the hell out of it and I grew up, yeah! I let go of a lot of things.

OK, I forgive her for making an album as dreary as *Never Enough*. She's on to her new album now, and the songs I've heard, "Change" and "The Silent Legacy," sound good. Maybe she'll get around to recording "Yes I Am," now that the guessing game's over. But, we need all our "ambiguous" heroines to come out. To paraphrase Hillary's husband, we don't have a dyke to lose. If Melissa can do it, why not the rest? Tracy? Jodie? We're waiting. As Martina put it, "Don't worry. Be gay." ✿

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BY WILLIAM FINKLE

San Francisco Past Comes to Life

Over a century ago, a charming amusement park, museum and garden complex known as Woodward's Gardens closed down. Occupying the block between Duboce, 14th, Mission and Valencia streets, the gardens opened in 1866 and lasted until 1892, when undoubtedly the roar of the approaching 20th century left little room for a haven as charming as this. Today, the corner of Duboce and Mission surely reigns as one of the busiest intersections in the City, both on the street and on the overpass ahead. Vestiges of the gardens remain, from the plaque designating the spot as a California historical landmark and the alley dubbed "Woodward" to the foyer of a delightful bistro named after the former grounds.

With a splendid and European-style view of the trafficky exterior, the space previously housed Duboce Lunch and Dinner (now Eichelberger's, in another location). I was dining here when I had the unfortunate experience of witnessing a fatal hit-and-run that stilled my appetite.

Partners Margie Conard, Dana Tommasino, Mike Cicon and Teri Esensten, who live in the neighborhood, say they dreamed of creating a place "we would go to, something small with great food and nice wine that's affordable." The new ownership has given the small restaurant a refreshingly simple look. The major change has been a mellowing in tone: The walls are a subdued yellowish beige, the long wooden counter is stained dark brown, and romantic white tulle drapes hang from the oversized windows. White table settings with elegant linens and whimsically patterned plates add an elegant touch to the L-shaped, 28-seat place.

The front tables afford an excellent view of both the scene outside, with cars and cycles coming from every direction, and the kitchen, where behind a short partition Conard and Tommasino labor attentively on every dish.

I liked the **Caesar Salad** ($7) a standard version, with fresh inner leaves of Romaine in an anchovy packed, mustardy dressing with shaved parmesan. Even better were the **Pasta Shells** ($6.50) with walnuts, slivers of marinated sun-dried tomatoes, peppery arugula and smooth goat cheese in a balanced balsamic vinaigrette, and a hint of nut oil. I'm still craving a taste of the **Fish**

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I was taken aback by the entree prices, which seemed higher than comparable restaurants, given the off-track location. Ample portions and thoughtful presentations reassured me a bit, but I'd still be happier with some slashing. **Half a Roasted Herbed Chicken** ($15), although just barely cooked, was succulent and flavorful, with sweet pearl onions, potatoes, asparagus and carrots rounding out the plate. **Spring Vegetable Ravioli** ($13.50) with fennel, artichoke, asparagus, fava beans and goat cheese were wrapped in a chewy, wonton wrapper-like dough, but a refined sage brown butter and the interesting vegetable mix saved the dish. Far and away the best of the entrees, a mouth-melting **Sauteed Chilean Sea Bass** ($14.50) was composed of a fair-sized filet on a mound of the fluffiest couscous imaginable, topped by a minted salsa verde (parsley, mint, capers and shallots bound with olive oil) and orange sections. We ooed and aahed our way through the bass in minutes.

A less fortunate treatment of the **New York Steak** ($15) brought a medium sized steak in a thin and weak green peppercorn "butter." Pet peeve of the week: steaks with natural and unavoidable gristle lines cooked rare or medium rare. The cuts from the loin end of a striploin should be reserved for these temperatures, since gristle will only cook out if the meat is cooked through, i.e. medium well and above. This rule applies no matter what the grade of beef, which, in this case, is prime. With the steak though, the saving grace was a flawless gratin of yellow Finn potatoes, fennel and Gruyere.

Corn, Azuki Bean, Squash and Pepper Stew ($14), with chiles, cilantro and a drizzle of creme fraiche, would have been more aptly named vegetable chili, the spice was so strong. I liked the dish but wasn't expecting a fireball.

The menu descriptions led to slight disappointment in the dessert arena, as well. An **Espresso Creme Brulee With Chocolate Cookies** tasted

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smooth and boldly of coffee, but the texture reminded me of an overcooked custard, "too firm and eggy—More cream, more yolks!" the heart attack patient cried out. A sublime **Chocolate Decadence Cake** stood on its own, a stately slab of cocoa—colored bliss dusted with confectioner's sugar. We had no trouble finishing this surprisingly light, but still intense, flourless cake which surpasses many. The **Strawberry Rhubarb Crisp** was more fruit and less crisp; that is, the fruit flavor stood out with a sweet and fresh taste, while the topping somehow didn't get that contrastive crunch I love. Desserts are $5.

A small, eclectic wine list includes such gems as **Scharffenberger Brut Rose** sparkling wine (NV, $7.50/glass) and Joseph Phelps **Vin du Mistral 1990** ($28), a fruity, rich and complex red. Given the dessert menu, we were temped to add after-dinner drinks such as **Quinta do Infantado, Estate Reserve Port** ($5/glass), **Valdespino Amontillado Sherry** ($4/glass) and **Kiona, White Riesling Late Harvest 1990** ($4.50) to the luxury of the bistro style meal. I loved the sparkling water, **Pian della Mussa**, from Torino, served in a pretty green bottle, and with lots of tiny bubbles that don't interfere with the tasting process.

Who knows? By paying homage to the long-forgotten landmark Woodward's Gardens, the quartet of owners has perhaps hit upon a winning formula. I can attest to the quality and appeal of the food, decor and friendly service, and I appreciate an honest walk through a chapter in San Francisco's past.

AROUND TOWN...

Ay Chihuahua! (1801 A Fillmore St. near the Kabuki) tries hard to serve a great burrito in a far-out, super-decorated locale. The latter succeeds, for the place is plastered with original Mexican artwork, pinatas, statues, and on and on. As for the burritos and other hearty fare, they didn't pique my interest. The concept of vegetarian burritos with vegetables is a novel one, since other taquerias only take that to mean "no meat." Here they add broccoli, carrots and cabbage, but they also forget to add flavor, salsa or guacamole. And I wanted a taste of the "homemade" sour cream, but that's left off the burritos, too.

I had a lovely dinner the other night at **Chez Moustache** (803 Fillmore St.), a French restaurant with rock-bottom prices and charm up the wazoo. Photos of French celebs adorn the walls, and Piaf and Charles Trenet chant their way through the courses. Service was unfortunately slow; perhaps it is time to hire another waiter for a busy Saturday night, no? Food, when it came, tasted delicate and looked appealing. I especially enjoyed the French onion soup—with a rich clear broth—the house-made pepper pate, and the half roast chicken, with a sort of stuffing gratin, sweet poached garlic, and a savory reduction sauce. Prices, once again, are low and fair. ✿

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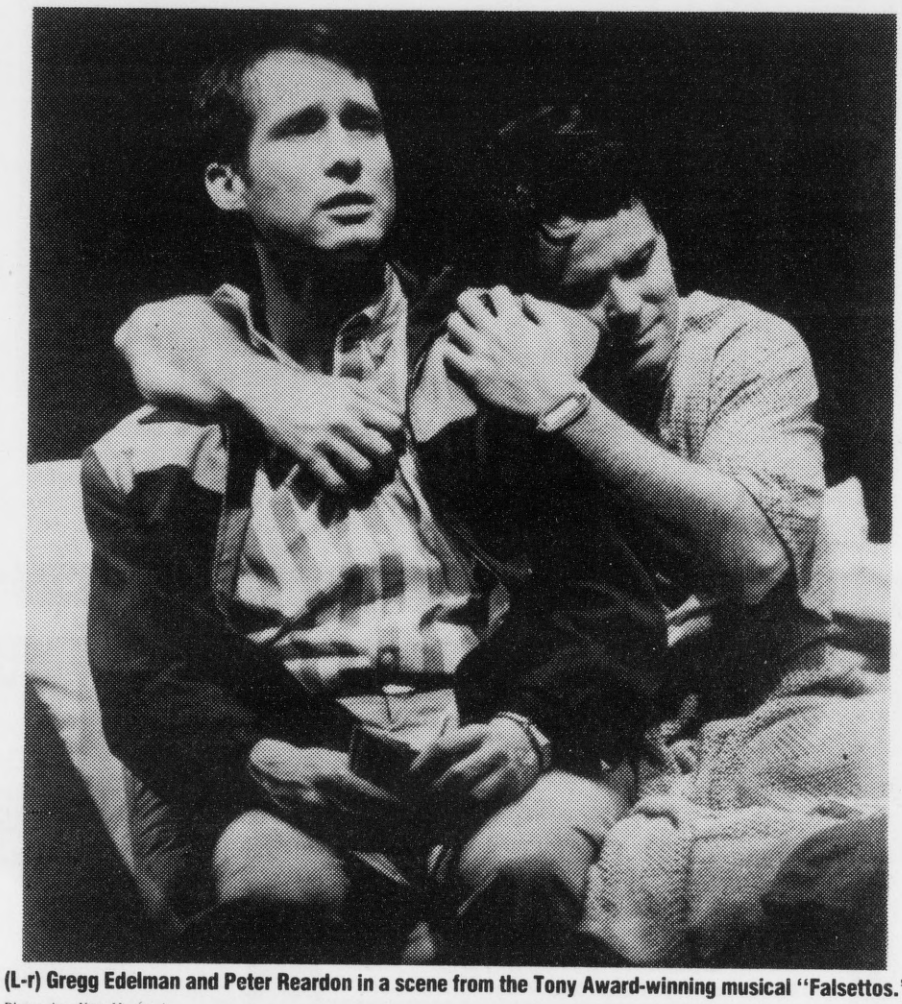

(L-r) Gregg Edelman and Peter Reardon in a scene from the Tony Award-winning musical "Falsettos."
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Falsettos

Turn off that VCR and go see *Falsettos*. It's funny. It's sad. You'll have a good cry. William Finn and James Lapine's Tony-Award-winning musical is witty, facile, breathlessly directed, movingly acted and ultimately emotionally stirring. It's unlikely we will ever see a more topically tragic theme utilized for the libretto of a Broadway musical.

First there was Finn's 1981 *March of the Falsettos*. Then Finn and Lapine wrote a sequel that brought the same characters into the age of AIDS, *Falsettoland*. Then they merged the two into *Falsettos*.

It's not a perfect musical by a long shot. Characterizations scarcely reveal more than surface ideas and emotions; some of the running gags run thin; and the score (played by a four-piece band tucked behind a scrim) pulsates with a frenetic beat that leaves little time to mull over the epigrammatic dialogue. Still, the lyrics are clever—often brittle and arch—and for once we get a contemporary musical about *something*.

But the concept and the production itself wins out. The performers are ingratiating, handsome and they sing beautifully. After a duet or quartet, the singers wheel off their own chairs and tables and the next trio arrives with its own props. It's a seamless show.

Falsettos opens with an odd, irrelevant song, "Four Jews in a Room Bitching," which has nothing to do with the plot but is obviously designed to relax a New York audience. "March of the Falsettos" also left me perplexed as to its use as an ensemble piece.

Marvin (Gregg Edelman) leaves his wife Trina (Carolee Carmello) and stereotypical horn-rimmed son Jason (Jonathan Kaplan) for Whizzer (Peter Reardon). It's all made clear through a series of sessions with Marvin's therapist Melvin (Adam Heller). When Trina goes to Melvin for some adjustment of her own neurosis, she and the doctor hit it off. Everyone's neurotic, including Melvin—who's kind of a laid-back Groucho Marx—with the exception of little Jason; although any kid who goes around singing that his dad's "a homo" is rather suspicious, too.

Marvin tries to convince Jason that love is the most beautiful thing in the world, but Jason isn't buying it. Marvin and Whizzer (a physical symbol of the all-American male) are a handsome, loving, racquetball-playing couple and it's not surprising that Jason develops a strong attachment to Whizzer.

Trina meanwhile is home in the kitchen doing something with carrots and bananas and singing the show's funniest number, "I'm Breaking Down," which she proceeds to do with delicious abandon.

In the second act, more polished musically and dramatically, Marvin and Whizzer have split, Trina and Jason have a new husband and father, and the two lesbians next door are introduced: Cordelia (Jessica Molasky) and Charlotte (Barbara Marineau). Jason's extended family shows up at a softball game in which he is playing (badly) and starts to sing, "Sitting Watching Jason" (having to do with whether or not Jews can play baseball). Whizzer shows up to teach the kid how to swing a bat.

Marvin and Whizzer are reunited but Whizzer

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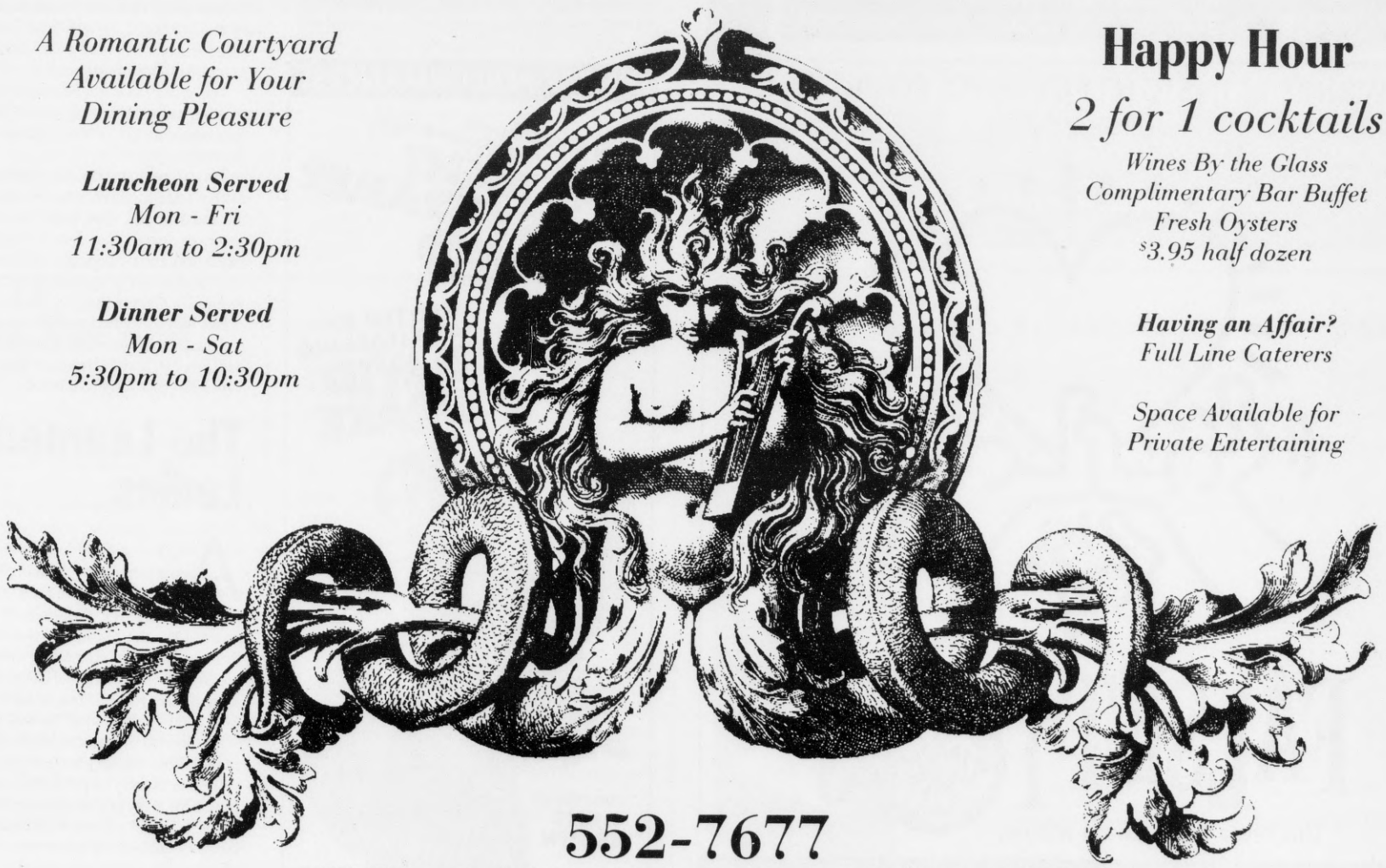

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has begun to develop some strange physical symptoms. He is hospitalized, diagnosed by Charlotte (who is a doctor), and the darker theme takes over. Charlotte sings "Something Bad Is Happening," and the two pairs of gay lovers sing a touching "Unlikely Lovers."

A secondary plot concern, tiresomely rehashed, is whether—and if so, where—Jason will have his bar mitzvah. He will and ultimately has it in Whizzer's hospital room with Cordelia, who has been popping in and out, trying her kosher hors d'oeuvres on one and all, doing the culinary honors.

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Jesus Christ Superstar

In a season of musicals seemingly dedicated to a retrospective of Andrew Lloyd Webber's work, *Jesus Christ Superstar* (lyrics by Tim Rice) makes a flashy return.

The audience, also seemingly dedicated to the rock opera, rose to its feet in ovation at the final curtain, either genuinely moved by the glitzy depiction of the last seven days in the life of Jesus, or hypnotized by an over-loud score that demanded some form of physical release.

The production provides the very latest of Las Vegas-inspired show biz technology, including hand-held and headset wireless microphones, computer-generated lighting, boom-box sound and fiber optics that created their very own miracles as the crucified Jesus rose from the cross to float heavenward.

Directed and choreographed by Tony Christopher, this version features Ted Neeley, who also starred as Jesus in the original '70s stage and film productions. Neeley's voice is husky, cracking now and then with an effective and believable weariness. But as a mere mortal who has become a political pawn between state and religion, he has perhaps too soon assumed the gestures of godlike benediction.

The show's protagonist is Judas, again sung by Carl Anderson of the Broadway and movie productions. Anderson's voice has lost none of its power and dramatic conviction in the intervening 20 years and it is his performance that gives the musical its intellectual and emotional kick. Longtime friend of Jesus the man, Judas sings of his growing disillusionment. Jesus, he says, is beginning to believe his own publicity, and what was once beautiful has now turned sour. Neeley, playing Jesus with an acquiescent tranquility, hands raised in the familiar blessing gesture of Renaissance paintings, offers little resistance to the promotional tactics of his rag-tag groupies and disciples. His entry into Jerusalem takes on the aspect of a carnival with souvenirs, T-shirt sales and great banners proclaiming, "Jesus Is Coming, In Person, With XII Disciples."

The musical unfolds in a series of tableaux that, except for the "last supper" sequence, give a one-dimensional impression. But it is Webber's driving score that moves this megahit: The initially exciting "What's the Buzz," the sweet "Everything's All Right," the quasi-religious "Hosanna," and the hit tunes "Superstar" and "I Don't Know How to Love Him," sung by Leesa Richards as Mary Magdalene.

More interesting as motivated characters are the initially sympathetic Pilate (Dennis DeYoung) and Herod (Laurent Giroux) who, fearful of the growing influence of the young miracle worker, demands that the Roman governor put him to death. DeYoung is memorable in his few brief scenes as the conscience-troubled governor forced to condemn Jesus.

Herod is, as usual in productions of this musical, portrayed as a bejeweled, overly made-up, outrageously costumed drag queen, who, accompanied by a trio of tall, feathered and scantily-clad chorus girls, delivers the show stopper, "King Herod's Song," in which he simperingly begs Jesus to convert some water into wine or walk across his swimming pool.

The crucifixion scene, normally a quiet and moving moment that closes the show, seems interminable in this version, dissipating its chilling mystery.

This is perhaps the most energized, go-for-broke, loud-to-shrill, crayon-colored version of the musical you may ever see. For my taste, I much preferred San Jose Civic Light Opera's more humanistic concept and even the most recent and sweetly appealing production of the Peninsula Center Stage at Redwood City.

But how can one ignore a standing ovation?

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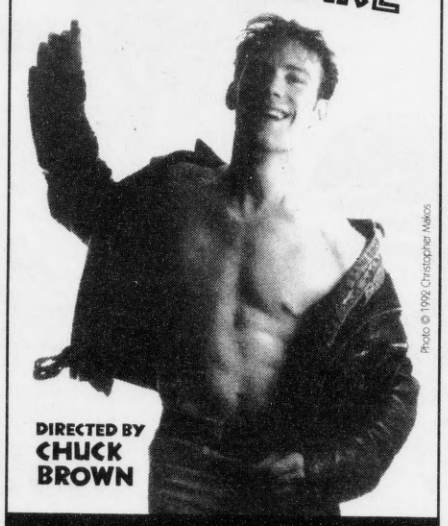

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The Learned Ladies

ACT's staging of the Freyda Thomas translation of Moliere's *The Learned Ladies* is a triumph of wit and style. A wicked satire on the literary salons of *les precieuses*, the learned ladies of 17th century France, Thomas' adaptation brings the comedy a contemporary feminist slant in Philamente's struggle to avoid the use of such words as "fellow" and "fellowship" in her writing.

As directed by Richard Seyd, all of the elements of ensemble theater glide into place. Ralph Funicello's delicately curved staircase is an elegant frame for a library of scattered books and fusty portraits. Beaver Bauer's costumes of ruffled collars, low-cut bosoms and pantaloons trailing yards of fabric are ingenious suggestions of period excess. Gina Leishman's clever score offers playful surprises.

Philamente (Jean Stapleton), mistress of this emancipated household, her pixilated sister Belise (Joy Carlin) and her headstrong, imperious daughter Armande (Lorri Holt) have installed Trissotin (Tony Amendola), a literary pretender,

Jean Stapleton and Sydney Walker in "The Learned Ladies." Photo by Ken Friedman

in their salon as resident poet and director of their excursions into the niceties of language. A younger daughter, Henriette (Julia Gibson) is in love with Clitandre (L. Peter Callender) but the courtship is summarily sidetracked when Philamente betroths her to the fortune-seeking Trissotin.

Doddering father Crysale (Sydney Walker) agrees to foil his wife's plan with the help of a rival poet posing as a judge (Howard Swain). While setting his household to rights, Crysale also manages to reinstate his favorite maid Martine (Delia MacDougall), who had earlier been dismissed for her bad grammar.

Stapleton is an absolute delight as the befuddled learned lady in zealous pursuit of literary and scientific intelligence. A worried scowl, eyes cast heavenward in frequent despair, and a voice that swoops to a bass note when she wishes to press a point nicely punctuate Voltaire's spoof.

Sydney Walker's face—one side never seems to know what the other side is doing—screws itself into a number of exasperated emotions, and Howard Swain, in a double role, adds another zany character to his catalogue of outrageous criminals.

Joy Carlin, looking exceedingly pretty under a flattering wig, meanders blithely through the proceedings as the coy Belise, convinced that she is the object of every male's desire. L. Peter Callander is fine as the exasperated on-again, off-again suitor of Henriette.

Greed and intellectual affectations get their just lumps in this standout of ACT's current season. It's ensemble playing in the grand manner.

The Learned Ladies continues Tuesday through Saturday evenings, with Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday matinees through June 5. Call (415) 749-2ACT. ✿

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GENE PRICE

Michael Kearns in Dream Man

Boyish, devilishly coy, Christopher's voice leads the caller on. "What are you into? Your first time? That's my specialty." When another satisfied phone sex customer has presumably achieved orgasm and hung up, Christopher turns to the audience. He makes his living off the lonely, he says, off the dreams they thought were dead. "I'm their half moment of ecstasy. Give me a phone and in five minutes I'll deliver heaven on earth."

James Carroll Pickett's play, *Dream Man,* a one-man dramatization of the midnight demons pursuing a phone sex hustler, has just completed a two week run at Josie's Cabaret. Michael Kearns was brilliant as Christopher, the tortured, rejected lover who, at the whim of one card-coded client, turns into a straight, fresh-faced, California surfer. Then with a self-satisfied wink, he is a sadistic bully leading a masochistic client to orgasm at the point of self-strangulation. His performance is an excruciating descent into the private hell of a man selling sexual gratification but who is crying out for love. Splitting his night between fantasy and reality, Kearns' Christopher can only scream venom into the phone when his ex-lover calls and begs to be picked up from his dead-end bar crawl.

But *Dream Man* is not all storm and stress. In a sly bit of macabre humor, Kearns gives us a demented Julia Child dismembering a client with a serious case of low self-esteem. "Kibbles and Bits," he mutters, lost in a fantasy of Julia at her chopping board.

It's Saturday night and business is slow. Christopher gets $5 for a first call; $7.50 if the client asks for a repeat. He calls his dispatcher demanding fresh leads. In his desperate loneliness between calls his voice softens to a poetic melange

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After the Fall

Reviewed by Tom W. Kelly

In the dark world found somewhere in the stillness of nighttime reflections, a man verbally tries to piece together the fragments of his life, a life shattered by too much pain from love lost, guilt and abandonment. Actors Theatre of San Francisco presents a moving and moody production of Arthur Miller's *After the Fall*—the memory play that follows a man's search for truth and inner peace, and to some extent includes the dynamics of Miller's rocky relationship with Marilyn Monroe.

Frequently the two-and-a-half hours feel like an extended excuse for "what went wrong" in playwright Miller's own life and multiple marriages. The protagonist speaks directly to the audience, recalling moments from his childhood during the Depression, his first wife, McCarthy-era intrigue, flirtations with a female survivor of the Holocaust, and much much more. But all similarities to Miller's personal life aside, *Fall* is an epic and episodic play fraught with mature, gut-wrenching emotion and brilliant use of language. The text moves beyond intensely personal autobiography to issues of abandonment, interrelational power plays and personal responsibility.

Leading the strong ensemble, Louis Parnell skillfully manages the mammoth monologues. Lisa Ramirez (in the Marilyn Monroe-inspired role) again lights up the Actors Theatre, making every onstage moment fascinating and vital. She successfully summons up Monroe's childlike vulnerability that then dissipates into frightened and drunken self-destructiveness. An actress of limitless versatility, Ramirez recently won the Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle award for Best Actress in a Drama for her portrayal of a spunky schizophrenic in *Love and Anger*. Terrific performances are also offered by Molly Goode, Sara Heckelman and Richard Lindstrom.

Directors Chris Phillips and Niki Hersh keep the emotional excesses of the characters and scenes under strict control, making for a night of subtle performances and dynamic theater. The near-infinite lighting changes (designed by Michael V. Smith) make possible the swirling storm of times and places. However, several bright washes light up the whole stage when a more subdued atmosphere (perhaps using colors and/or shadows) would have been more effective. Dana Porras helps recreate the decades from the 1930s to the 1960s with an assortment of stunning costumes.

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of memories of growing up in Kentucky, of his bedridden grandfather, trips to Louisville and making his escape to California with his lover, Billy. Too much sex, too many drugs, a too-sudden loss of youth and innocence took the fall. Now Billy's out there in the night, roaming from gin mill to gin mill, trying to bargain his faded beauty for drugs, and making calls for Christopher to come and get him. Christopher, pushed to the edge of Lear-like madness, rages at him with all the bitter fury of a rejected lover.

It's a long Saturday night. "Call me when the loneliness that grips you won't let go," he chided us earlier. With a gut-wrenching sob he screams for Billy to come home.

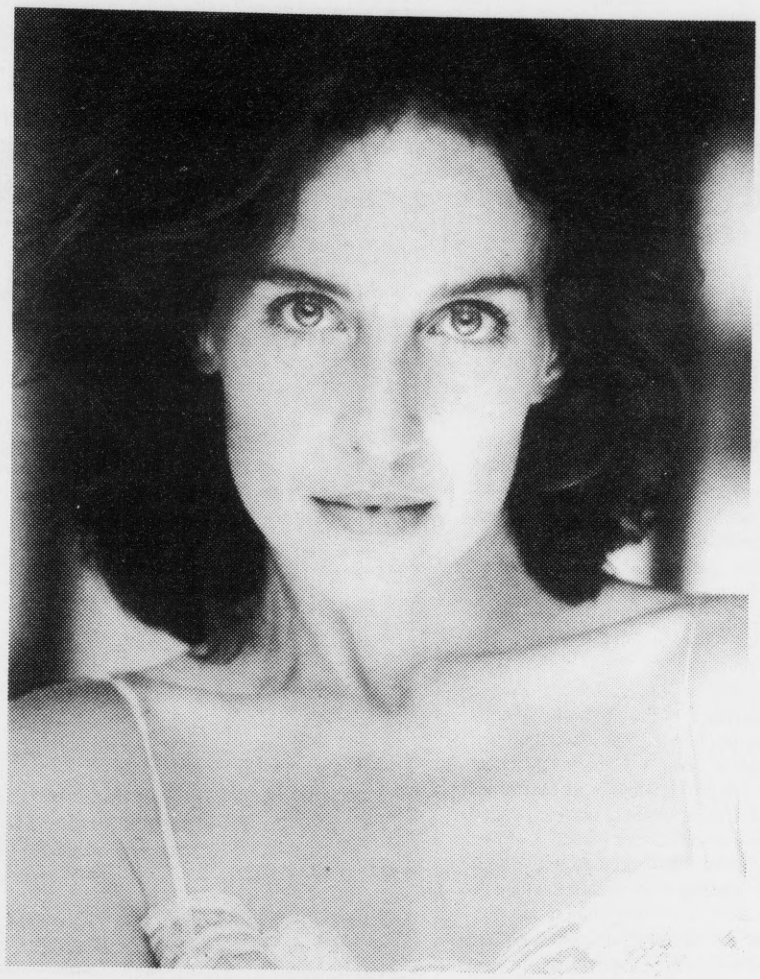
Divas Whitfield And Marcovicci Do Marin

In an embarrassment of riches, the country's two reigning pop divas played back-to-back in Marin.

Weslia Whitfield, fresh from her triumphant debut at the Algonquin Oak Room, opened to a sold-out house at Joe LoCoco's in Greenbrae. There's nothing like a critical New York success to get the hometowners off their couches and out for some live entertainment. Having culled raves from every Manhattan newspaper and magazine —and with a *Wall Street Journal* interview coming—Whitfield is singing in the cat bird's seat. The Algonquin's also asked her back for an extended stay at *twice* the money.

Weslia positively glowed as she launched into "But Beautiful," the first of 16 songs that wove a spell reminiscent of the glamor and magic of New York cabaret in the '40s and '50s. Impeccable taste, an innate sense of phrasing and interpretation, and a gorgeous voice—not to mention the tunes of Gershwin, Berlin, Kern, Arlen and others—made it a night to be remembered.

She romped through "They All Laughed," lavished Sammy Cahn's lyrics to "I Should Care" with their wistful due, and created a delightful charmer out of the heretofore forgettable "Rhode Island Is Famous for You."



Andrea Marcovicci, high shaman of pop musical culture, gave another sold-out performance at Hoytt Theatre's Centerstage.

"The Lamp Is Low," credited to De Rose/Shefter/Parrish, but lifted freely from Ravel, was a new addition to the Whitfield songbook, and her encore, a perfect merger of words and melody, both asked and answered a sweetly romantic, "Why Did I Choose You?"

Mike Greensill—husband, mentor and musical director—provided the jazzy, lilting accompaniment that brings out the best in this remarkable singer. Dean Reilly, a longtime member of the trio, is back on bass.

Meanwhile, on Saturday night, singer/actress Andrea Marcovicci, who can turn a pop song into a one-act drama, returned for her third sold-out concert at the Hoytt Theater's CenterStage in San Rafael. It was standing-room only for this workshop of her new show, "Always Irving Berlin."

There is something magical in Marcovicci's ability to instill new meaning in a song. She is the high shaman of pop musical culture, weaver of song-stories that will comprise the musical lore of the next generation. A delightful raconteur as well, she brought fascinating tidbits of Berlin's personal life to her program of both obscure and hit songs.

And what better image to set the mood for an evening of sophisticated American pop music than to stroll onstage in white tie and tails? It's a statement that suits this svelte, elegant singer to a T. At a few moments, hands in her pockets as she tossed her head or slouched a shoulder, one caught a ghostly flicker of the legendary Dietrich.

She opened her 100 minutes of solid singing with Berlin's catchy "Everybody Step" from 1921, moved into the unabashedly sentimental "When I Lost You," and revived the once popular, lilting, "Marie," and that whimsical favorite from the '40s, "You'd Be Surprised."

A group of Depression melodies included "Let's Have Another Cup of Coffee," plus Berlin's own satire on Depression songs, "Let's Go Slumming," and Marcovicci's own excuse for wearing white tie and tails, "Puttin' on the Ritz."

Among her obscure choices was "I Threw a Kiss in the Ocean." This preceded a set of love songs that included some of Berlin's all-time best: "Maybe It's Because I Love You," "They Say It's Wonderful," "Now It Can Be Told" and "How Deep Is the Ocean."

Self-styled torcher Marcovicci revelled in a group of wrist-slashers like the haunting "What'll I Do?" and "Remember," and gave a knock-'em-dead reading of "Suppertime."

A mood switch into swingtime brought back half a dozen or so songs Fred Astaire made famous: "Let Yourself Go," "Fancy Free," "You're So Easy to Dance With," "I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm," and my own personal favorite, the ultra-romantic "Change Partners."

Marcovicci's next local appearance is with the Pops on Aug. 4, when she'll reprise "Just Kern" with the orchestra.

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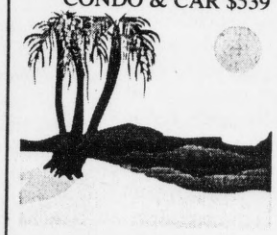
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Martin and John

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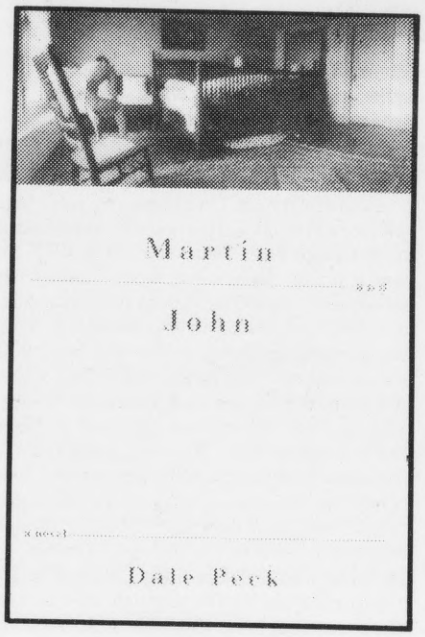

Reviewed by Michael Ward

> Sometimes you have to start over. The stories you make up for yourself don't seem to have any relevance to the life you lead; the horrors you imagined pale beside the ones you experience, and in your mind there's a battle as it tries to find something to grab on to, whether it's a memory of something you imagined, a story you told yourself.

Reading *Martin and John*, the stunning debut novel of 25-year-old author Dale Peck, you will want to start over once you finish this exquisitely crafted novel. Peck tells a tale of two men in love during the era of AIDS with a literary grace and poignant style rarely found in veteran authors twice his age. *Martin and John* leaves the reader anxiously awaiting Peck's next novel.

Developing a sense of deja vu for the reader, Peck weaves and reweaves images, irony, names and places, and even major sections of plot lines to create the ever-shifting parallel "realities" of the narrator, John, and his varied views of his world. Reality blurs—no, bleeds—into the fine lines that separate it from fiction, and you often find yourself saying, "I've read this, haven't I? This feels very familiar." And a few words later you realize this is not the same story, only a variation on a theme. Only after these scenarios begin resurfacing on a regular basis in this cyclical tale do you begin to comprehend that a master storyteller is at work. In addressing these varied viewpoints on the same stories, he writes:

> I remember making up my first stories at night, kept awake by the sound of my parents fighting in the other room. Every fiction is always opposed to some truth... the opposition in these stories was easy to spot, for they were about a happy mother, happy father, happy John. But this changed. Soon the stories I imagined were as horrible as the one I lived. I found a power in it, and that power increased as the imagined horror became more and more like the events of my life. You can search for a meaning in that. I tell myself that by reinventing my life, my imagination imposes an order on things and makes them make sense. but sometimes I think that horror is all I know and all I'll ever know, and no matter how much I try to loose my mind from the bonds and the boundaries of the events of my life, it returns to them always, obsessively, like a dog sniffing for a bone it buried too deep and now can't find.

And return to the bonds, boundaries, and images Peck does.

In one fictional account of John's life, his mother, grieving the death of her husband, turns to the bottle for solace, becoming an alcoholic whose favorite drink is rum and cola. Peck plays with the visuals of the cocktail and the liquor bottle frequently in this section and he uses them quite effectively.

Later, in a different telling of the stories, a fictional father beats a fictional Martin while the fictional mother looks on, dressed in her sequined gown, calmly sipping a drink. "She looked like an ice cube in rum" states the narrator, stimulating the sense-memory from the story's earlier account of alcoholism, and you feel that vague, uneasy familiarity that comes with knowing this means something. But what? Only upon setting the book down and racking your brain do you discern that Peck has screwed with your head by taking earlier images and adding a twist or two or twelve to create a new—yet somehow familiar—picture. This is aided by the fact that the characters both in reality and fiction all have the same names and roughly the same positions in the story—there is a John, a Martin, a Frank, a Bea, a Susan, etc.—and this can confuse the reader. However, some of these "discrepancies" can be sorted out by such clues as whether the story is printed in regular or italic typeface, or by following the guidelines for fiction/reality quoted in an earlier passage.

To his credit, Peck deftly tackles the universal issues of dysfunctional families, abandonment, and fear of intimacy, love, dignity, and dying, without becoming maudlin or heavy handed, and without overtly pandering to a mostly gay audience (though I'm pleased to say I've seen reviews of this impressive novel in several mainstream press venues, including the *Los Angeles Times* and *Entertainment Weekly*). Most notably, the theme of failed father figures—and the creation of functional ones to erase the broken past—keeps cropping up, and for many men, this issue resonates loudly. Peck plows through this emotional mine-field with security and confidence and openly sheds light on the obvious and more often subterranean pitfalls of the daddy/son issues that plague many a man, gay or straight.

There is a fair amount of sexual activity in this novel, and the depictions and descriptions of varying sexual scenes range from tender to near-violently graphic, though they are never hackneyed or cliched. Those who have incest issues might want to be aware of a seduction and bedding scene with a fictional teenage John and his soon-to-be step-father. This is handled honestly and realistically, and shows a refined literary skill. Nevertheless, it could push some buttons for those sensitive to it. Peck is clearly and uncompromisingly depicting a slice of life that many have had to live through, and is to be commended for not exploiting but sincerely and sensitively handling this loaded issue.

Martin and John leaves a bright, indelible mark on the literary history of our culture, creating a simultaneously misty, nearly nebulous watercolor recollection and a starkly bold, graphically detailed image both of people enduring a disease and a period of time that will long be remembered as a dark, nefarious stain on the fabric of humanity.

Without revealing any more of the novel, other than the fact that it reads beautifully and rather quickly for 228 pages, *Martin and John* is highly recommended as perhaps the novel of the year to read, if you must choose one. And after enjoying it yourself, perhaps you might even think of picking up a copy or two for the special people in your life.

And keep a look-out for Peck's next novel. ✿

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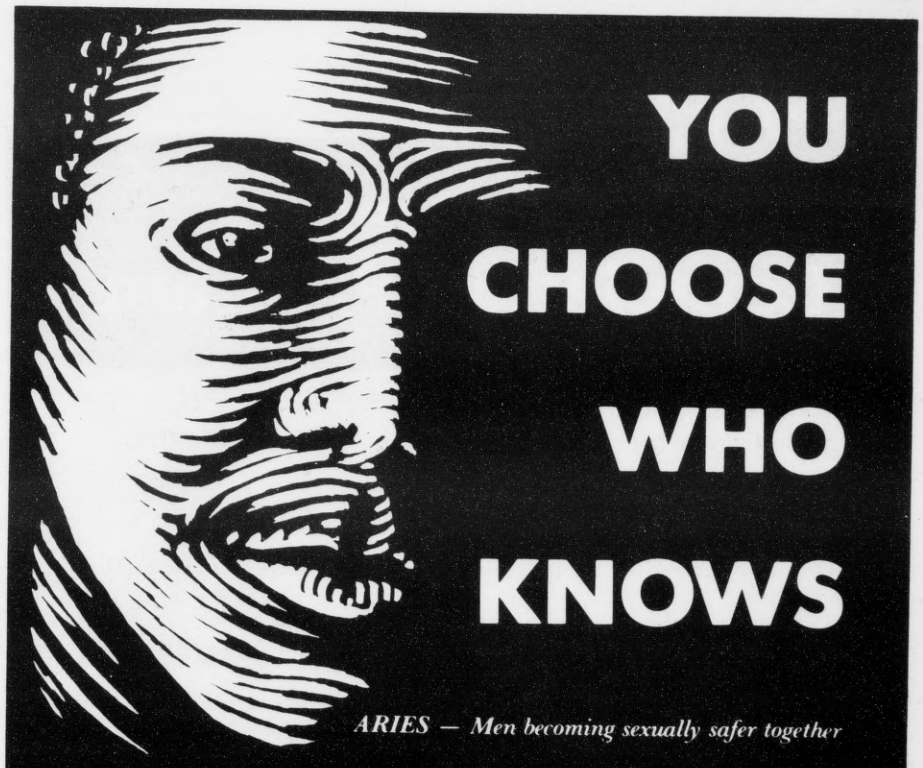

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Female Misbehavior

Reviewed by Randy Turoff

After watching media coverage of the March on Washington, you'd think most queers were into baptisms, weddings and hundred-dollar-a-plate power luncheons. As one arrogant wonk in corporate attire turned to the TV camera and announced to the world that he represented "gays in the '90s," I nearly gagged on the thought. What about all of us who can't be retrofitted into patriots, corporate clones, WASPs or heterosexual facsimiles? Maybe being queer is more about embracing alternative and transgressive possibilities. Maybe being queer is about taking pride in not accepting mainstream values as the norm.

In the aftermath of all the nicey-nice and sanitized media coverage of "our community," it was refreshing to sit down in front of the tube and pop Monika Treut's latest video sex study, *Female Misbehavior*, into my VCR. The film, recently completed, will have its commercial Bay Area film house premiere on May 14. *Female Misbehavior* consists of four shorts running from 10-30 minutes each. The subjects include performance porn, transsexuality, bondage and Camille Paglia. Even if the people in these films are living lifestyles and making choices which are beyond the pale for most viewers, they represent the possibilities inherent in roads not taken. They are like vectors shooting out, going in directions which are recognizable extensions of the impulses of the tamer but still eroticized queer culture. The video is an exploration of sexual deviation up against mainstream feminism and orthodox female heterosexuality.

Dr. Paglia is a portrait of the querulous author of *Sexual Personae*, who has been called things from "academic Rottweiler" to "anti-feminist feminist." With the composure of a speed freak, she whips herself into a confessional tirade: "My sex life has been a disaster. Every time I try to seduce a woman, it's disastrous... I think on some level I'm somewhat absurd... Men can take me seriously as a sex object because of the tits and ass... But women don't take me seriously." Paglia has convinced herself that she is a crusader who is liberating feminism from the "false" feminists. She says feminists have severe identity problems and that's why they join together into a kind of religious cult which makes them into "programmed robots." She herself identifies as a female cat in heat who likes to mate, to breed and to kill. She doesn't like being nice, cuddling or being maternal because it douses her sexual energy. Apparently, though, her lasciviousness toward women remains unquenchable. The doctor has come up with a workable solution to her dilemma. She blurts out: "I'm enough for myself, I'm in love with myself. It's the romance of the century." Congratulations Dr. Paglia.

Annie is the vehicle for porn star/performance artist Annie Sprinkle. Born Ellen Steinberg from New York, she presents herself as a classic *schleppe* in the pre-makeover stage. Before our very eyes, Annie Sprinkle emerges as the colorful butterfly from the nondescript larva. Making up her face in the mirror, she tells us she likes to explore all of her different personalities, especially the ones that make her feel sexy. She likes the way her legs look in black stockings with garters, displayed on five-inch heels; she looks and feels ten pounds thinner. Born with big breasts and reminded of them every time she walks down the street, she's come to love them and to have fun with them. We see her playing comically on stage with her boobs like a vintage Betty Boop cartoon character. The act continues as she invites the audience to take a flashlight and look at her cervix. As a performance artist, Annie Sprinkle gleefully breaks one taboo after another. The girl is ever so accessible.

Max profiles transsexual Native American Max (born Anita) Valerio, who lives in San Francisco. Unlike Camille and Annie, Max is not pushing an act, but s/he's promoting our understanding of what it's like for a longtime lesbian to change her body and attitudes on the way toward becoming a heterosexual man. On camera, we meet Max, who for all intents and purposes looks just like an older teenage boy. Anita came out in 1975. She was a pretty, long-haired hippie lesbian who subsequently moved into a punk persona and then developed her female androgynous look. When she started strapping on a dildo and doing S/M, it awakened new feelings and possibilities for her. According to Max, one door opened after another. Then in 1988, she realized she could no longer live in a female body. Her male gender identity reasserted itself as it had done pre-puberty. Even before the hormones, an entire re-examination around issues with men had to be sifted through. Max realized that he was no longer a lesbian going through mental adjustments, but that he was a transsexual and felt like a straight man, to boot. The most telling thing, says Max, is that emotions don't come in technicolor anymore; they're not as overwhelming. He says he's lucky if he can squeak out three or four tears now if he's really depressed. His sex drive has magnified, and he feels physically male in his body, not just in his head. He's turned on to women who are turned on to male energy. No trace of the lesbian.

Monika Treut's "Female Misbehavior," a series of 4 video shorts, will have its Bay Area premiere May 14 at the Roxie Theatre.

Bondage is a bit boring. We hear from a New York tit torturer in S/M drag about bondage as an art form, and about the pleasures of being an exhibitionist. The woman goes into extensive detail about the ropes and hooks that she can string throughout her apartment to serve as a spider web in which to truss her victims. She's looking forward to expanding, and getting in a new suspension system. Stroking her whip, she confides it isn't so much an instrument of pain as it is a way of waking up sensations. She says she looks at everything now, all kinds of objects, wondering how she can use them erotically. Since the fantasies she speaks about are never enacted on screen, this film segment wears thin after the first five or ten minutes.

Female Misbehavior is bound to be controversial on many levels, and it's supposed to be. Treut's video portraits of modern sexual outlaws are fascinating, amusing, and rendered with wit and non-condescending intellect. The film will play at the Roxie Theatre from May 14-20 and then for two days at the U.C. Theatre in Berkeley.

Another film, certain to be of interest, but too late to preview for this deadline, is Laurie Colbert and Dominique Cardona's *Thank God I'm a Lesbian*. It's a talking-head documentary about the diversity of lesbian lifestyles, punctuated by music and excerpts from lesbian authors. It opens for a one-week engagement at the Castro Theatre, May 10-16.

Also, every Tuesday in the merry month of May, Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint will be hosting Danny Mangin's entertaining clip and commentary show, *Bottoms Up*. If you enjoyed his wonderful *Psycho Killers and Twisted Sisters* presentation last year, you won't want to miss this sequel. It's about gay and lesbian bar scenes shot by Hollywood from the '60s through the '90s. ✿

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Celine

Reviewed by Randy Turoff

Metaphysical buddy film "Celine" will show at the SF Int'l Film Fest on May 7.

However imperfect, this film has an intensity and resoluteness which moves the emotions. It's a modern story in the guise of a religious fairy tale. It tells of the romantic friendship and love between two women as they both embark on a psycho/spiritual journey in the wake of death, on the trail of resurrection. *Celine* is a metaphysical female buddy film where a kind of heart-and-soul love continues to grow deeper and stronger as the story progresses.

Celine is a young woman who has decided to abandon her life. As her father dies in her arms, he tells her he and his wife are not her real parents. Traumatized, she renounces her inheritance and is dumped by everyone, including her foster family and her feckless fiance. Found abandoned, shivering and crying on a sidewalk in the rain, Celine is rescued by a slightly older woman, Genevieve.

The crisis of faith and suicidal despair gradually lift as Genevieve pulls Celine back into the world of the living. Genevieve is a visiting nurse by trade and an acting sister of mercy by fateful choice. She is the pragmatic, calm, strong and faithful servant. As it turns out, Genevieve is paid by Celine's wealthy stepmother to keep the stepdaughter from committing suicide and to help her get back to her studies in law school. In effect, the anorexic madame-in-pearls wants the daughter out of her life completely, and she tosses the guilt money at the nurse to make sure everything is taken care of. The nurse and her patient retreat to the countryside and move into the "Old Mill".

As Celine becomes stronger, Genevieve resumes her nursing practice, traveling to take care of old patients and tending to the needs of some of the villagers in the area. Celine gradually emerges from her bottoming-out state, and from scratch she learns the basic skills of emotional and physical self-preservation from her savior and now mentor, Genevieve.

In the course of the story, we discover how Genevieve had herself suffered a similar psychic breakdown in the past. She empathizes with Celine, wishing someone had been there for her when she was in a similar state.

Eventually Celine is well enough to want to live and she asks for Genevieve's help. A punctilious regimen of yoga, meditation, diet, chores, and work in the makeshift clinic begins. Simultaneously, on another level, the shared sensuality involved in living together, trusting and emotionally depending upon each other takes over and the two women ostensibly fall in love. The love is expressed romantically, but not sexually. It's a 19th century kind of intimate friendship, the type which surpasses the love of men, but falls short of physical fulfillment. Although Genevieve still has occasional sex on the run with a former flame who has become a cozy kind of outlet, Celine remains celibate.

Celine becomes more and more preoccupied with her hours of spiritual devotions. As she becomes lighter in the world, she is able to heal certain patients of Genevieve's, and becomes known in the village as a miracle worker. She has premonitions and visions. Suddenly Celine is able to levitate. Genevieve is as incredulous as we are. The film switches from the realm of psychological drama into a sort of magical spiritualism. At first the staging of the psychic occurrences feels hokey, but if you allow yourself to stretch with the premise and to grant poetic license to the unfolding tale on the screen, you might be transported to some interesting places.

Have these two women reached a sublime plane in their unquestionable love and devotion to each other on their spiritual paths? Have they sublimated the latent sexuality in their relationship to the point where they've both become completely ungrounded and spaced-out in a *folie-a-deux*? Has Celine actually become a spirit who is no longer of this world but who is not yet merged with her destiny?

It would be easy to be facetious and to dismiss this film as too loopy to be taken seriously. But the script is actually quite spellbinding if you're open to it. The women are also lovely to watch, especially as they do their sensual yoga movements side by side in the grass, surrounded by gorgeous countryside. Their everyday closeness and the growing attunement of their relationship is well-developed and wholly believable. Psychological issues around abandonment, interdependencies, trust, separation and death are taken into account, but the issues are given an entirely new spin in this film.

The ending of *Celine* should easily bring tears to the eyes of any shameless romantic. On a thematic and rhetorical level, the film poses certain metaphysical questions; i.e., is magic madness? How far out can one go and still be deemed sane in this world? Is there truly salvation in love?

Celine is directed by Jean-Claude Brisseau, a filmmaker usually known for dealing with violent social dramas (*Sound and Fury, Noce Blanche*). In *Celine*, he takes the notion of death-wish beyond itself into the arena of transcendence. One thing he insists on (as he stated in an interview in *Positif*) is that although this film may be seen as life affirming, it is only so because of its reconciliation between life and death. The film advocates the necessity of accepting the presence of death within life,

Celine, starring Isabelle Pasco and Lisa Heredia, can be seen as part of the San Francisco International Film Festival on May 7. ✿

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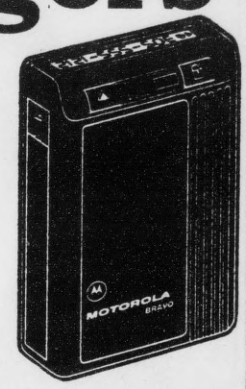

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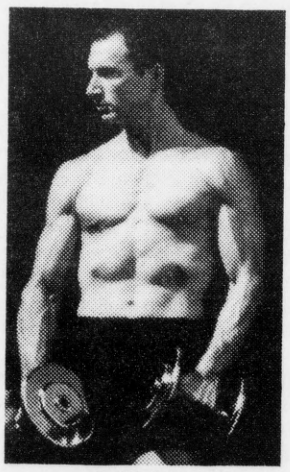

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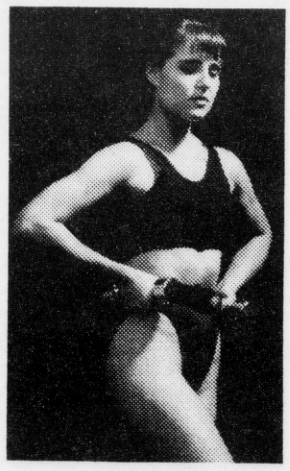

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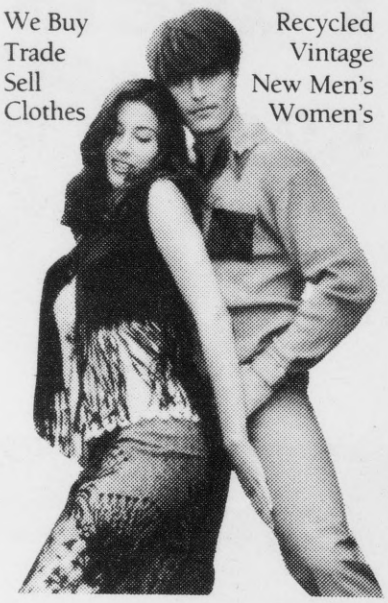

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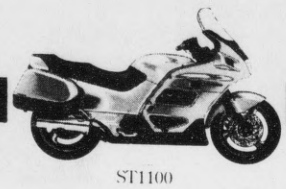
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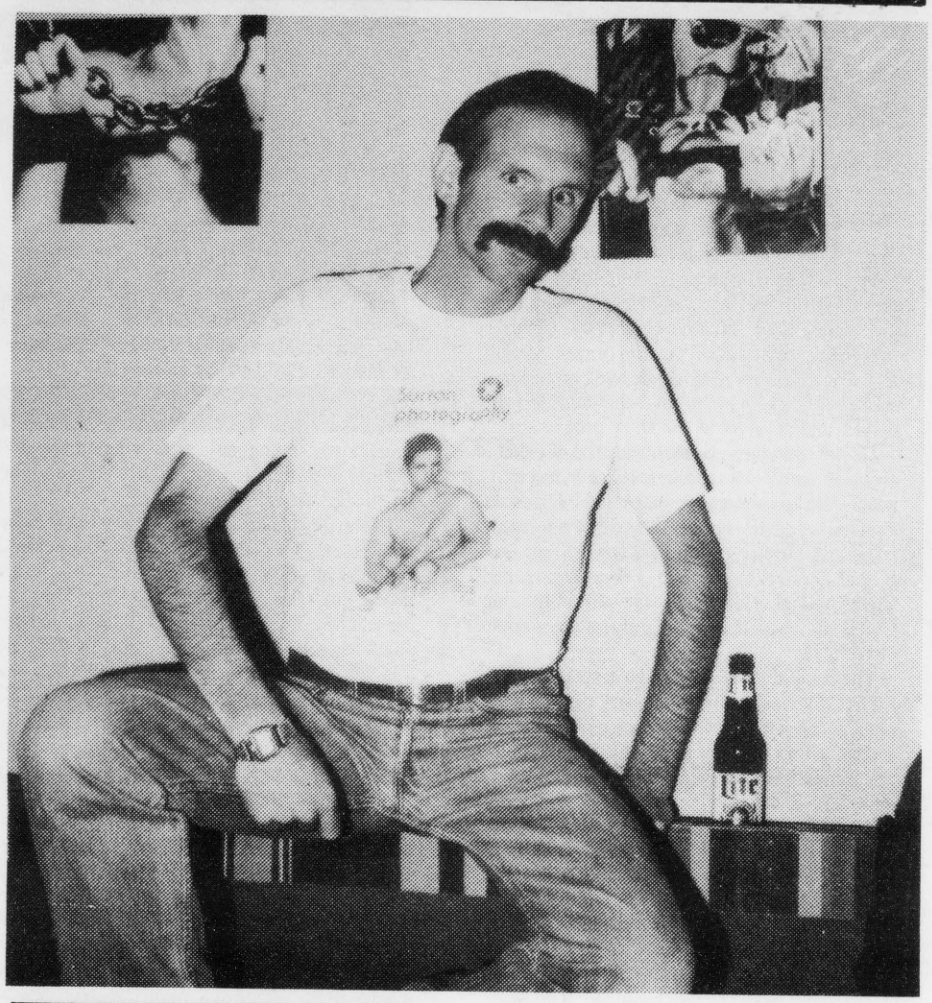

by st. clair adams

Drummer photographer Steve Sutton at his "Wet Looking" opening at the Headquarters bar on May 3. Photo by Rink

Clubs

Bike clubs, leather associations, S/M organizations, and general brother- and sisterhood groups make up an interesting variety within the leather community. These assemblies bring many leather citizens together for the purpose of fellowship, political support, fundraising and common interests. Each group has its own objective. These organizations are not for everyone, because they are team-playing groups, and some personalities just don't fit. The team effort is most apparent during a weekend run or an anniversary party. The runs are comprised of lodgings in an out-of-town location, meals, entertainment, fellowship, competition events, and many more fun activities. The anniversary parties speak for themselves, but I can say that the club parties that I have attended so far are not to be missed. If you are interested in checking these groups out, go to one of their meetings or runs. Meet the people and see if that is the group for you.

As an example, the Cycle Runners M.C. is hosting its ninth annual Super-500 biker and non-biker tour to Calistoga Hot Springs on July 10 and 11. The $50 fee covers lodging, lunch on the way, a cocktail party, and a barbeque. A continental breakfast will be served Sunday morning. This run is limited (due to space) to 30 people, so call Randy at (415) 821-2023 if you are interested.

A letter was sent to me by Santos Rangel of the Phoenix Uniform Club in reference to the Constantines' run and it reads like this: "Your '500 Mile Overnighter To Reno' was a prime example of what a bike run should be. There was a bit of everything, a slice of life. Good people, beautiful scenery, adventure (I think we're lost?), and lots of old-fashioned fun. Throughout it all, a special bond was formed of men, too many to mention. If you were there, you know. If you missed it, well there's next time. Thank You!!"

MARCH ON WASHINGTON

I am appalled at the National Park Service report that less than 300,000 showed for the 1993 March on Washington. This figure is definitely wrong; even the Washington public transit agency reported a 350,000-person increase in ridership. Many believe that this numbers game is an attempt to minimize the power and voice of the gay and lesbian population. Tell everyone you know that we were there in numbers, unlike the politicians. A roll call of politicians should have been taken, so we would know whom to support in return. We must take revenge during election time and show them how many of us there really are.

Still—even just one person is entitled to the rights guaranteed by the Constitution. If those rights are denied, that means we live in a society that has no integrity. I, for one, will fight for those rights for myself and all who wish to have them. We must keep in mind that to be entitled to our rights, we must give the same respect and understanding to all others, stopping short of allowing someone's rights or beliefs to infringe upon us.

I was unfortunately not able to attend because of my work, but I have been informed that the leather contingent was quite large (over 5,000.) I'm told that everyone had fun and was well received by onlookers. Over the weekend there were mass weddings, leather parties, packed bars, and a lot of sightseeing, leaving the participants with a memorable weekend. Wish I could have been there.

THE MAN BEHIND THE FACE

Who is the man behind the face? Gregg

Q: WHAT IS PENILE THICKENING OR ENLARGEMENT?
A: *Penile enlargement is done by:*
1) *Removal of the patient's fat by liposuction*
2) *Preparation of the fat*
3) *Injection of the fat in an appropriate area of the penis.*

Q: WHAT IS PENILE LENGTHENING OR ADVANCEMENT?
A: *The lengthening procedure is achieved by liposuction of pubic fat, cutting part of the suspensory ligament of the penis and in some cases removal of the penile web.*

Q: WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THESE SURGERIES?
A: *Most patients typically have a penis below the 35 percentile in length. These patients report more self confidence and extra pleasure with penile lengthening and thickening.*

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O'Shell—you may know him as Tatiana. I have known Gregg for many years now and have been impressed with the personal strength he possesses. Gregg has been involved in helping many different charities, personal friends and the community in general. He puts so much energy and emotion into the things he does, he doesn't leave enough for himself. But after loving care from many friends, he is miraculously recharged and ready to take on the next challenge. Gregg has worked for Levi Strauss for many years and has organized an AIDS volunteer group comprised of Levi employees. He is a three-time Cable Car Award recipient and has a place in the Cable Car Hall of Honor. He also founded and has produced First Saturday for many years, which has raised over $34,000 for different charities.

Gregg is also very active and well-loved in the leather community. Although he does not wear much leather, his mind, dedication and integrity are in line with the rest of the leather crowd. He is known both as Gregg and Tatiana, and receives just as much respect in either persona. He has been emcee, producer, helper, entertainer and much more for the leather community. Gregg is truly part of my leather family and has earned the hearts of many, many more. If you have not met him yet, he is hard to miss, standing about 6'7'' as Gregg and 7'2'' as Tatiana (just look over the heads of the crowd and I am sure you will spot him). Go up and say hi; I'm sure you will find a special friend.

THE SF EAGLE ANNIVERSARY

As usual, the SF Eagle anniversary was a big success. On Monday night there was a long line waiting for this year's anniversary pin. Tuesday was T-shirt night; Wednesday featured food and entertainment. A three-night party that has for many years been an event not to miss. Thanks again, Terry and staff, for being one of the leading establishments in community support.

COMING UP

SuperSadomasochistic Follies: On May 16, Queen Cougar (Ms. SF Leather '93) is hosting a fundraising party for the L/SM Roundup, Women's Cancer Resource Center, and the SF titleholders travel fund. The festivities are from 7-11 pm at 174 King St., with a $10 donation. There will be bull-whipping demonstrations, crafts, a Drag Queen Can Can, plus dances and fantasies by Rainbeau, Cougar, Wolf and more. Don't ask me where she got the title for this event, but it's spelled correctly. Have fun!!!

Great Scavenger Hunt: The Castro Lions Club presents the Great Scavenger Hunt on Friday, May 7 from 7-10 pm at the Elephant Walk and Saturday, May 8 from 8-11 pm at the SF Eagle. The objective of this hunt is to have fun, compete, raise money for charity, win prizes and surprises. If you haven't yet met the members of the Castro Lions, this would be a great opportunity. They are a super bunch of guys who work hard and have fun doing it.

Political Support: Supervisor Carole Migden and *B.A.R.* columnist Wayne Friday reportedly stopped in at the Jackhammer a couple of weeks ago. It is nice to see that these two very respected people are not afraid to go into a leather bar, unlike some others who won't even walk near one. I applaud their undaunted support and invite more people of their stature to see that the leather lifestyle is not as bad as they have been led to believe. Thank you, Carole and Wayne, for your support.

V.C. Boot Shine: If you get a chance to have your boots, chaps or jacket shined by V.C. at the Eagle, it is well worth the investment of a few bucks. You will receive the most personable time you have ever had in a shine chair. He is very eager to please and has a great following because of it. I hope to see you in his chair some time.

Correction: Last issue I told you about red hanky night at the Jackhammer and forgot to say what day of the week it happens on. It is on Tuesdays. Sorry!

Last Call: May 14-16 is the first annual Desert Leather Fest. By the time this issue comes out, I will have already left for Palm Springs to take care of the last details and will not be able to answer my phone for more info calls. I have listed the names and numbers of the event locations so you can find your way down. Friday: Wolfs (619) 321-9688. Saturday and Sunday days: the Garbo Inn (619) 325-6737. Saturday night: the Desert Palms Inn (619) 324-5100, Host Resorts A Casa Bella (619) 325-1487 and Camp Palm Springs (800) 793-0063. I hope you can make it down—it's going to be a blast.

Venus Infers: Friday, May 21, at the Women's Building is an exotic party benefiting the new leatherwomen's magazine, *Venus Infers*. There will be exotic dancers, DJ Downtown Donna, beer, soda and snacks with door tickets at $10 or $7.50 advance tickets at A Different Light. Order a copy of the first issue (due in June), send $6 to *Venus Infers*, 2215-R Market St., Suite 294, SF 94114.

Rodeo: May 21-23 the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association/Bay Area Chapter presents the Bay Area Regional Rodeo 1993 at the Cow Palace. If you want more info call the Rodeo Hotline (415) 985-5200. ✿

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Maitri AIDS Hospice seeks a **part-time cook**. Duties include planning menus, stocking kitchens, shopping, recycling and composting. Must have exerience cooking a wide variety of meals for large numbers of people and the desire to serve the AIDS/Hospice community. Resumes to 61 Hartford, SF, 94114 or FAX (415) 863-0227.

Bar Positions: Now accepting applications for all positions. Please apply at 4067 18th Street, M-F, 12-2. Women and minorities encouraged to apply!

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Executive Director for a Bay Area Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Sexual Minority agency. 2-5 years experience in management of a nonprofit community or social service agency. People of color and women encouraged to apply. Deadline: 5/24/93. Send resume to Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley 94705. For more information call (510) 548-8283.

■ HELP WANTED/ARTS

Guitarist/Songwriters: Singer/songwriter seeking performance partner and/or co-writer. Contemp folk/countryish with gay themes. Mark (415) 332-3011.

Bad Girls from Seattle desperately seeking **Bad Girls** from San Francisco to do performances of women's erotica in July??? Looking for new cutting edges of straight and queer girls' voices. Contact **Pendra** (206) 328-1018.

A lesbian director in Hawaii wants comedy/drama w/lesbian characters for theater production. SASE w/script: PO Box 5025, Hilo, HI 96720.

■ EMPLOYMENT WANTED

Lesbian, 36, onsite apt manager for 37 unit building; desires apt mgr position in SF by August '93. Good references. Please call Colleen (510) 655-6506.

■ RESEARCH HELP WANTED

Women with recurrent breast cancer needed for a study on effects of personal and social factors on coping with cancer. Stanford University School of Medicine study, with study sites in San Francisco, Palo Alto and San Jose. Call: Elaine Miller at (415) 725-6086.

■ VOLUNTEERS

Are you young & gay? Be a part of the first lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning Youth Talk Line in the Bay Area! Volunteers are needed to staff the lines and provide support. People of color and bilingual people are especially encouraged to get involved. Call LYRIC, the Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center, at (415) 703-6150 for more information.

The Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network (BASMYN) is looking for volunteers to help coordinate services & establish efficient communication between 15 existing Bay Area les/bi/gay youth groups; fundraisers, grantwriters, office work, etc. Call Rick: (415) 554-7630.

Int'l les/bi/gay youth magazine seeks writers, photographers, artists, cartoonists, designers, editors, and subscription and ad sales people. Young people are especially encouraged to write or call: Inside OUT, PO Box 460268, SF CA 94146. (415) 554-7630 ask for Rick.

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Foreign gay man wishes to marry lesbian for mutual benefit. Reply BT Box 902A.

■ PARENTING

Group for Lesbian Mothers with Infants: Come together with other new mothers and share the joys and concerns that are part of the transition into Motherhood. Group meets Wednesday mornings in Oakland. Audrey Martin, MFCC (MV023054) (510) 428-1505. Individual and family sessions available.

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Me: sensitive, affectionate, playful, hopeless romantic, thoughtful, supportive, humble, easy-going, communicative, good listener, nonjudgmental, great sense of humor, growth-oriented, optimistic and not afraid of deep emotional intimacy and commitment. My interests include: cycling, writing, movies, music, comedy, working out, cooking, dancing. I'm pretty content with life's small pleasures. I am seeking new friendships but one never knows... Reply BT Box MY11A or call ★★6014.

Join The SSS

Spring/Summer Soirees for single women: mid-30s/mid-40s, who are eclectic, attractive, multi-faceted, dynamic, creative, relatively sane. Plans for cafe sojourns, beach jaunts, theatrical events, low-down bbqs, dancing, potluck brunches, with smattering of intellectual discourses. Must have sense of equanimity to share responsible space and time with adventurous souls. Pls pls pls no radicals or difficult neurotics. Call ★★6015.

Fastidious

Romantic, genuine, career-oriented, AF enjoys CW, conversations, tennis, basketball, bookstores, beaches, dances and dining out (open to other suggestions), seeks women of integrity for friendship and fun (no serious commitments yet). No mind games, flakes, smokers or substance users. Reply BT Box MY12A or call ★★6016.

Izza Boo-Boo!

You: patient, loving, therapeutic, understanding, sexy, soft, beautiful, redheaded and mother of tea and crumpets. Me: your basic, big, beautiful, boisterous basket case with a good beat that's easy to dance to. I give us a 95. Wanna go another month? W anna become our worst nightmare—"I don't know where I end..."—Oh no! After my finals, complete housecleaning and mental makeover. Stay tuned. Love, TLC. Call ★★6017.

Birthday Poem

(Or rap it if you'd like) 37s comin' and I need a date. Definite friend, possible mate. Communication's a must, with humor and trust. I'm petite and cutish, ex-New Yorker, still Jewish. So if you're fit and femme and not too tall, don't just sit, make the call. Call ★★6018.

Nice Middle-Class Weirdo

Where does a lipstick lesbian meet another lipstick lesbian who is: mainstream-friendly yet not white bread, feminist and sexually exploratory (yet doesn't look like a label), bright and intellectual yet not nerdy, outdoorsy and urbane, spiritually aware yet not "New Age" flaky, neither abstinent nor addicted, cultured but having a warped sense of humor? Here, I hope. I'm 5'9", auburn/blue; 42, looks 30 (acts ???); gracious and loving; a smartass with a heart of gold. Smart, sweet, cute-seeming bundles of contradictions encouraged to reply. Call ★★6019.

synergy and symbiosis

it's a paradox but wishing for synchronicity with attractive, feminine, svelte, dynamic, creative, intelligent, tallish, sophisticated ns professional mid-30s/mid-40s. 37-yr-old artiste/entrepreneur wish to evolve, spend some energy & time w/eclectic women aware of their spiritual axis while able to cavort into the sunset. how about zen, rachmaninoff, sade, mindwalk, yosemite, brunch, SFMOMA and the morning after. Call ★★6020.

Attention Everyone

Don't give up hope, these ads really work. In a moment of expansive emotion we want to announce to the world that after a long, arduous, sometimes frustrating search, two independent, strong and competent women met through an ad, fell deeply, totally, madly in love and choose to live the rest of our lives together in a state of unmitigated bliss. Call ★★6021.

Intimacy Anyone?

I miss talking and being physically close to someone special. Finding the right person for a monogamous LTR is hard work, especially since I'm more interested in my hobbies—dancing, reading, movies—and my business of 9 years, than doing what's required to meet single SF lesbians. I'm 38, athletic, emotionally and financially stable, NS, not into S/M, drugs, 12-steps, CW dancing or the goddess. I'm andro-femme seeking same. I'm active and love a good sense of humor. Call ★★6022.

Sincere, Sensuous & Rubenesque

Feminine, full-figured blond with blue eyes seeks 28-38-year-old athletic yet feminine woman with whom to engage in various calorie burning activities. Are you secure, slightly intellectual, yet light-hearted? Looking for romance with a tender, soft-hearted woman? Let's talk further. Reply BT Box MY13A or call ★★6023.

SHARED INTEREST

Please Note

The Shared Interest ads are a part of the Personals, and as such are for individuals seeking other individuals with common personal interests. They are not for the purpose of forming professional connections. If you are looking for business partners, clients or work-trade arrangements, or if you are forming a professional organization, please use the Open Exchange classified ads. Thanks.

Prospective Queer Parents

Do you want to be one? We are a community group that meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 11:30 am for a potluck & discussion about lesbians & gay men co-parenting together or known donor situations. If you are looking for a co-parent or just looking for support—come & eat with us. Call ★★6088.

Walnut Creek

Two WMs are seeking physically active friends for cycling, hiking & tennis. We both work hard during the week and use the weekends to unwind/exercise. The late night bar schedule does not fit our early-to-bed/early-to-rise habits. Drop us a line if you're interested or have any ideas of your own. Reply BT Box MY600A.

Lesbian Bicycling Partner(s)

For road trip to Oregon (July '93). Highway 1, against prevailing winds, savouring the aching poetry of each moment. Not looking for competitive riding, just good companionship, and massage swap at the end of the day by the fire. My goal is 50-80 miles a day. Let's meet for predawn training rides in East Bay Hills! Call ★★6089.

For Dream Workers And Dreamers

"All dreams have more than one meaning and more than one level of significance," according to author Jeremy Taylor. That is why it is so important to regularly share your dreams with a group of loyal friends. Let's get together and help each other discover the meaning of our inner thoughts. Reply BT Box MY601A or call ★★6090.

For Dreamers And Dream Workers

GWM interested in continuing his search into the creative power of dreams. As author Jeremy Taylor would say, "All dreams have more than one meaning and more than one level of significance." That is why it is so important to regularly share your dreams with a group of loyal friends. Let's get together and help each other discover the meaning of our inner thoughts. Call ★★6091.

Weight Training Partner?

I've been going to the gym for what seems like years. I'd like to become bigger/stronger by sharing support, knowledge and training with a like-minded partner. My workout includes free weights/machines/aerobics. Looking for another reliable guy in San Mateo County or San Francisco area. My schedule is flexible, but prefer less busy time of day. A friendship would be an added benefit. Call ★★6092.

Weekend In The Woods

You can daydream about that trip to Big Sur, the redwoods or... while the weekends pass you by, or you can join this late-20s lesbian for low-intensity backpacking/camping adventures. Prior exp. not necessary. I know the basics and the rest, well, half the fun is trying! If you are flexible, respectful of nature, smoke/drug-free, easygoing, willing to try, and able to laugh at yourself, let's get going. Need equipment? Rent it! Open to other outdoor activities. Take a risk; dial a phone; listen to the voice; then record your own! Call ★★6093.

Oakland Twosome

Male couple, black/white, early-40s, professionals, with creative bent, seeking other couples for friendship. We enjoy movies, theater, music, gardening, dinners, and outdoor activities. Reply BT Box MY602A or call ★★6094.

Travel Companion

GWF seeks GWF or GWM, 38-50, in good shape, that has time & $ to travel anywhere & everywhere from Canada to Mexico & all points in-between. 1, 2 or 3 weeks; also 3 or 4 day trips to Tahoe or Vegas. Looks & acts straight. Loves the woods & water, sun & beaches, camp or a nice hotel. Please be adventurous, kind & considerate and like to have fun. No cheapskates or druggies! 2261 Market St., #108, SF 94114 or call ★★6095.

Tennis Tennis Tennis

Intermediate tennis player wanted. I'm stuck between advanced beginner and intermediate player. My goal is to advance and have a great time while I'm at it. Please, no beginners. Please respond to PO Box 2737, SF 94126 or call ★★6096.

Horse Owners

Would love to meet friends to share joy & expenses of trail riding and/or NATRC rides. Perhaps start lesbian/gay club in North Bay! Dog participation appreciated also when permitted. I live in Santa Rosa. Call ★★6097.

Birdwatching? Wildflowers?

I am looking for women to hike and enjoy nature with. I like to walk 5-7 miles, mostly on the weekends. The drought is over, at least for now. It's beautiful out there and I'd like some company. How about you? Call ★★6098.

Deadheads

We are organizing a contingent of gay, lesbian and bisexual Deadheads for the June 27 Freedom Day Parade. Please join us. Call for details ★★6099.

Bridge Buddies

South Bay/Peninsula gay group seeks new players. We meet Thursdays at members' homes, playing Chicago/party style from 7-10 pm. While we would prefer good skills, rusty ones are OK. This is mostly a social group—we have fun and good bridge is played, well, often, anyway. Ability to host not required. Call ★★6100.

Fred And Ginger?

Or maybe Ginger (squared)! Lesbian, cute, mid-30s, looking for an athletic, dedicated dance partner to attend CW, swing, Cajun/zydeco events. Please be intermediate level or above, NS, spunky and bold. Prefer unattached, even-tempered dance fanatics who easily lead, follow and love good chemistry. Describe yourself. Letters get special attention. Please no lesbodrama members or closet dwellers. Ready? Let's boogie! Reply BT Box MY603A or call ★★6101.

BISEXUAL

Tri

Stable bi male, 45, seeks long-term relationship with two gay or bi women. My hope is for tri love, intimacy and commitment with a house, gourmet kitchen, garden, kids, lots of friends and pets for good measure. As two or three, let's do lunch. RSVP, Box 885291, SF 94188-5291.

Free-Spirited Bisexual

Free-spirited, adventurous, good-looking, single, white, petite bisexual, 30, looking for a warm friend and more if the chemistry is right. Music, theater, personal growth, film, dancing and writing are among my personal interests. Please be a nonsmoker, drug-free, health conscious female under 40. Call ★★6051.

Jesus Died For Somebody's Sins

But not Patti Smith's. I love her, Gysin, Burroughs, Genet and womyn. I'm 25, cute, tattooed, pierced, hung, shaved head and brilliant. Mostly experienced with men but seeking compatible womyn to teach me how to please them. Call ★★6052.

Either, Or Both, And

Poet seeks rhythms maybe rhymes passions profane and sacred, safe abandon, interludes of intensity. No limits, but of time. Single BiWM, 45, HIV-, sober in process, smoker, average body, nice eyes, hands, healthy, discreet, impassioned, metaphysical, positive outlook, gentle masculinity, sexually dominant, kinky, yet versatile, empowering, desires friend, or couple, for occasional simple meals, good conversations, intimate times. Call ★★6053.

Massage For Guys, 18-24

Superb, pleasurable, relaxing, nurturing, skillful massage... by affectionate, dark-haired, thin, hung, uncut, healthy Latino, 39 (outstanding professional masseur since 1980). Preferably you're attractive, healthy, well-proportioned, smooth. Dual "bi-sensual" massage possible with help of girlfriend (ravishingly beautiful Spaniard, 31, with great touch). Everything safe. Not necessarily "sexual." After massage, mutual masturbation possible (but not required). Let's maybe exchange photos first. PO Box 1115, Berkeley 94701-1115 or call ★★6054.

Gay/Bi Couples (M Or F):

I would love to watch and/or participate. I'm 30 y.o. WM, attractive, slim, healthy, friendly, fun. Please call! Call ★★6055.

Seeking Bedtime Stories

Two deliciously horny queer girls want to hear from you. Send us your stories, your pictures—true to life or true to fantasy. Any gender, any race, any mix, leather to feather. Will swap stories if you want. (This is not for any type of publication or money venture, just for our own twisted sexual pleasures.) Reply BT Box MY300A.

TRANS

Primed For Adventure

Good-looking BiWM looking for FTM or MTF TS for hot erotic adventures. Regular guy, butch, athletic, good talker, wide interests, fun to hang out with, sleazy imagination. 5'10", 160#, br/br, 'stache, hunky/musc. body, wildly oral, HIV-. You: upbeat, sensual, sexy imagination, intriguing body, uninhibited, HIV-. Lt. smoke/drink OK. Safe sex. Call ★★6076.

TS/Hermaphrodite/He-She

Sincerely desired by 30 y.o. straight/bi WM. I'm masculine, attractive, healthy, slim, friendly and horny! Please help me fulfill my fantasies. Call ★★6077.

NEW!

MESSAGES

To: Chinese Bun

From: 100 percent beefcake. Hi, B. on Army Street. Misplaced your phone number. Please call my voice mailbox and leave it. Talk to you later. Call ★★6121.

Piedmont Avenue Bicyclist

We exchanged "hellos" in front of the post office near the Piedmont Movie Theater a year or so ago. You are attractive, somewhat stocky, have blond/light brown hair, blue eyes, a moustache, are educated, and an avid bicyclist. I am 5'9", 165, with brown hair and eyes, boyish/masculine Mediterranean good looks, professional, accomplished, occasionally recalcitrant, lovable. Let's go for a ride. Call ★★6122.

SF Bondage A-Go-Go Party

It was on April 28. Now I'm looking for my master. I don't have permission to write his name but I'd be happy to have his address to write him. Send it to me please. D.D., if you want. Mine is A.P., 18-820 Mexico D.F. 11800.

MEN

Seeking Dominant Short Man

GWM, 38, 185 lbs., 5'11", dark blond, good-looking, athletic, nice body, relationship-oriented. Seeks good-looking, confident, dominant, verbal, shorter man. Turn-ons also include macho role-playing, kinky body worship and shared emotional intimacy. Call ★★6141.

This Paradise Is Well Worth The Drive!

Very good-looking, honest, playful, relationship-oriented, optimistic, emotionally open, financially secure, communicative, creative, fit, HIV-, affectionate, romantic, into personal and spiritual growth, my gorgeous home, travel and massage. Want to meet similar GWM to love and make dreams come true. My arms and hands can soothe and melt your day away and make you purrr... Please write descriptive letter with picture to your: Destiny, PO Box 3508, Santa Cruz 95063-3508.

Spiritual And Sexy

In-shape, young-acting, 52 y.o. GWM, NS, ND, no drugs, HIV-, seeks long-term relationship. You: honest, caring, flexible, patient. Weight in proportion to height. HIV-. We are both cuddly, compatible, comfortable. Let's explore fantasies together. Write PO Box 31854, SF 94131 or call ★★6142.

Quiet Evenings By The Fire

BGM, 49 y.o., HIV-, 135 lbs., 5'9½", professional, financially stable, mature, looking for BGM/AM/LM, with similar qualities, for dates to movies, dining out, short trips out of town, cultural events, and quiet evenings at home by the fire. No drugs, alcohol or cigarettes. Letter and photo exchanged/returned. Reply BT Box MY70A or call ★★6143.

Great Catch For GAM

GWM, 33, 6'2", 180 lbs., European born, now living in SF, intelligent, attractive, clean-cut, blue eyes, blond hair, healthy, HIV-, many interests

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(art, photography, music, multi-cultural things, love cafes). I am sincere but also very playful and youthful. If you are a young, slim, tall Asian (or Asian-American, Eurasian, Amerasian) and if you are also educated, good-looking, kind, honest, then—catch me! Reply BT Box MY71A or call ★★6144.

Tired Of The Bar Scene

Me: Extremely good-looking (so I've been told), 5'8", 150 lbs., great muscular physique (work out six days a week), 32 (look mid-20s), mixed background (look Italian), healthy HIV+. Into healthy lifestyle, meaning: no drugs, cigs, pot, alcohol & pretty much vegetarian diet. Spiritually into metaphysics. You should be similar to the above description, easygoing, and open to a monogamous friendship/relationship. Some interests: travel, cooking, staying home, animals, global awareness, justice, people's rights, honesty, truth, love and on and on. Please send photo & letter (photos returned on request). Reply BT Box MY72A.

Asian Fantasies

WM, late 40s, 5'6", 160 lbs., seeks Asian into muscle/strength showoff or domination scenes. You like pumping up, oil, mirrors, flexing, having your muscles worshipped. You have me feel your strength as you win in arm wrestling. Or maybe you're an Asian master needing a slave to service you from feet to armpits. Also seeking big Asian cocks. PO Box 426655, SF 94142 or call ★★6145.

Double Mint Classified

Small-grain high-quality Asian looking for two separate situations: (1) Smooth/slim Asian (or ?) between 25-35. We have a positive outlook, like learning, exploring and "being there" for each other. Stability a must. Good-natured and compassion for others desirable. (2) Safe-sex bondage buddy who enjoys the thrill of being restrained. Respond: H.O., 350 7th Ave., Box 75, SF 94118.

Friend, Date, Partner?

Attractive, masculine, intelligent, secure, 46 y.o. GWM looking for early evening encounters—in and out of the sack. I am 5'11", 155 lbs., HIV-, healthy, in-shape, with a good heart and an open mind, looking for other lean guys my own age or younger who are affectionate, responsible, and articulate, who are also looking for support, companionship and physical intimacy. If you have something special to offer, reply BT Box MY73A or call ★★6146.

You: Be You. I: And I

Earthy, intense, mystical, sensitive, romantic, established East Bay WM, HIV-, hairy bear, loner, ex-BB, 41, 6', 225±, seeks dark, beefy, muscular, deep, intelligent, heartful soul. Must be high-minded and muscular. Equality and long-term commitment desired. Cowabunga! Reply BT Box MY74A or call ★★6147.

Gay Man Of The '90s

Goal: Friendships, and relationship-oriented. Attractive, mature, GWM, s/p short/hazel, stocky maintained build, 6'1", 185#, moustache, clean-cut, tanned, masculine, HIV-, moderate cocktailer, NS, ND (joints, poppers okay). Outdoorsman, 501s, leather, western image. Romantic, intelligent, sense of humor, creative career, w/multi-varied interests. Sexually very adventurous, Blow Buddies plus+, great cocksucker (cock fixated), hot kisser, versatile, endowed UC cock, chest hair surrounds pierced pecs, armband tattoos. Into good sex, touch, cuddling, massaging and intimacy (reciprocation definitely accepted). You're: 40+, GWM, rugged appearance, masculine, tall, weight in proportion. If you smoke, drink or are HIV+ unimportant. Reasonably endowed, clean, beard?/moustache, romantic, loves animals/environment, fun-loving and honest. You love to hug & kiss, unafraid to publicly hold hands or touch, affectionate, videos, romantic music. You live to enjoy life's daily pleasures, your reality not illusions. Please respond w/photo to BT Box MY75A or call ★★6148.

Available For Magic

55 y.o. GWM, 5'9", 150 lbs., trimmed gray beard, thinning hair, distinguished looking professional, emotionally available, capable of loving and being responsible; HIV-. Lover of 8 yrs. died 1½ yrs ago. Love walking, music, theater, travel, hanging out, caring, giving, talking, puns, humor, ideas. Seeking intelligent, articulate, responsive, attractive, sincere man, 40s to mid-50s. I want to love deeply and openly again. NS. Reply BT Box MY76A or call ★★6149.

Spring Fever

GWM, 37, 5'8", 150, NS, HIV-, in East Bay, looking for soulmate. I'm a caring, honest, loving physician interested in developing the spiritual nature within. I'm looking for a GAM or GWM, 25-40, who is intelligent, moral, educated and grounded; who enjoys sharing, loving and growing. Mutual interests include dining out, movies, intimate conversation, working out, bargain hunting. Reply BT Box MY77A or call ★★6150.

You're 18-22 And Spiritual

I'm a wealthy GWM on my own unique spiritual path. I'm 35, vegetarian, good-looking, 165 lbs., 6', blond, blue eyes. I want a LTR with a younger brother. I'll relocate for the right person. You're HIV-, optimistic, slender, have a good sense of humor, like to get high and want the comfort and security of a relationship with an older brother. I also own a ranch near Yosemite. Let's meet. Call ★★6151.

Asian

You: Asian, intelligent, good-looking, 20s, looking for love and maybe support for studying. Me: English, well-educated, friendly, fairly entertaining, 46, tall, OK-looking, HIV-, loyal. Call ★★6152.

Bored

GWM, 6'3", 160, br/br, moustache, attractive, 42, for what it's worth, friends say I don't look or act it. In my free time I'm outdoors as much as possible, day hikes, driving, etc. I enjoy movies, music, reading, going out, working out and the list goes on. I'm a regular, independent-minded kind of guy, who's a good, up front and honest friend. So, get off your butt and call; if you don't like what you hear and/or possibly see, just say so, otherwise we may both be missing out. Requirements, similar to the above, but call, I'm still thinking. Call ★★6153.

HIV+ Latin Top Needed

Prefer Capricorn, Virgo or Scorpio; moustache, husky or chunky, tattoos, uncut, mota are a+ with me. I'm a 31-yr-old white boy, 6', brown hair, blue eyes, hairy chest and legs, 185 lbs. of cuddlemonster. Call ★★6155.

From Malibu To SF Law

Old surfers never die; they flourish in SF. This former Malibu man, 38, strawberry blond with very blue eyes seeks loving GWM for lifepartner. You are 40-55, hairy, cut, nonsmoker, and have room in your heart and home for a devoted lover. Like me, you are HIV-, live alone, own a car, and have achieved many of your professional goals. I'm romantic, very funny, kind, spiritual and enjoy classic cars, movies, theater, music, leather, uniforms and writing books. I'm a smooth Scandinavian weightlifter, 5'10", 176. Sexually, I'm mostly oral and also enjoy kissing, cuddling, verbalization and fantasy. Let's create a happy home filled with caring love, respect, great sex and laughter. Write PO Box 2016, SF 94126 or call ★★6156.

Healthy, Handsome Guy

47 (look a lot younger), 6'2", 180 lbs., very hung, HIV-; just over a long-term relationship; very successful professional in Palo Alto area; very oral, very romantic. Looking for a healthy guy who wants a friend that could work into relationship. Call ★★6157.

To: Chinese Bun

From: 100 percent beefcake. Hi, B. on Army Street. Misplaced your phone number. Please call my voice mailbox and leave it. Talk to you later. Call ★★6158.

Go Eck, Mac, Bord!

A's fan, 52, bear, 5'10", 205, gray beard (R.E. Lee Model), br/br, HIV-, nonsmoking, very light drinking, seeks good-humored, articulate, masculine companion for at least an afternoon in the sun. Other non-work interests: laughter, music, theater, travel. Reply BT Box MY79A or call ★★6159.

Retired But Not Dead!

I've spent most of my life in school and building a career. Now it's time to play and to work on a serious relationship. 34 y.o. GWM, HIV+, 5'10", 150, brown, hazel, hirsute, healthy(ish) and financially secure. Likes music, travel, leather, books and fine food. Wants to date masculine, handsome men who are near my age, can communicate, share feelings and live well with HIV. Call ★★6160.

Will Share Asian Bottom

My warm mouth will get you up for his tight ass! Him: 35 y.o. AM, 5'7", 135#, gym-toned, very smooth with an eager butt! Me: 48 y.o. WM, 5'6", 150#, good-looking, fit, expert mouth. You should be WM/LM/AM, 35-45 y.o., facial hair, weight in proportion. My tongue gets his ass and your cock primed—then we ride him deep and hard! Call ★★6161.

Afternoon Delights? Weekends?

Intelligent, affectionate, masculine GWM in mid-40s (actually 42) who is HIV-, 5'8", 195 lbs., would love to meet younger buddy for ongoing fun times, sex, warm sleepovers—not a husband. Do you like to be touched, held, stroked? Do you like rain on windows, soft music and reading books? If so, then let's get together. J., 370 Turk, #197, SF 94102.

Are Love And Intimacy Still Alive?

Do you remember when you were excited just hearing that special voice? WM, 42, 5'10", 165, brown/green, bearded, hairy, average build, warm, caring, loving, seeks WM to 50, preferably bearded and hairy, who wants a committed, monogamous relationship. I'm into films, some television, travel, kissing (a lot), cuddling, massage, J/O, spanking. Respond with photo to PO Box 424771, SF 94142-4771 or call ★★6162.

East Bay Quest

Warmly articulate, leanly muscular and fit 38 y.o. blond seeks unaffectedly masculine, responsible and handsomely constructed young man with patience and gentility to build trust and share safely toasty frolic. Your personality, honorability, and healthy lifestyle demonstrate self-respect, but you need not be self-satisfied, refined, worldly, or affluent. A spirited, evolving queer or bi male with capacity to play and to express himself and listen is my possibly ambitious vision. Reply BT Box MY80A or call ★★6163.

Boot Scootin' Partner

GWM, 30s, 5'8", 150, br/bl, attractive, very muscular, cleanshaven, HIV- seeks other GWMs, under 42. Must be very attractive, cleanshaven, well-built, HIV- and versatile, doing a fast two-step to a slow waltz among other creative maneuvers on and off the dance floor. Intermediate to advanced only need apply. Call ★★6164.

Let's Date

GLM, 30, 165 lbs., 5'9", wants to date professional guy, 30-45. Interests include politics, movies, theater, dining out, romance, cuddling and fun. Kinky sex. Leave message and let's talk. Call ★★6165.

Masculine Safe Sex Buddies

Wanted for 3 or 4-way by masculine GWM couple. One of us: mid-30s, 5'9", 150 lbs., dark hair, moustache/goatee, burns, work out 2-3 days/week, nice dick/nuts, HIV-. And the other dude: mid-30s, 6', 175 lbs., brown hair, moustache, burns, works out, nice dick/low hanging nuts, HIV-. We're looking for dudes our age or younger for safe man-to-man action. Into: mutual J/O, tit-work, C&B work, armpits, safe butt play, spanking, leather, tattoos, piercings, goatees and beards. One guy's really into PAs. Other guy really into skin play and upper body. Reply BT Box MY81A.

3-Way Sex

Good-looking GWM, 33 yrs. old, 5'11", 165 lbs., and GAM, 35, 5'8", 145 lbs., looking for a third partner for safe, hot, 3-way sex. We are both versatile sexually. Have good sense of humor and enjoy life. You must be GM between 30-40 yrs. old, good-looking, masculine and versatile sexually. Not into booze or drugs. No commitment is needed. Reply BT Box MY82A or call ★★6166.

Incredible

Gay Afro-Am male, age 47, 5'11½", 160 lbs., gym-toned, professional, sensual, loving, spiritual. Looking for a special man, who knows what he wants and is able to communicate. Not wallflower; not someone who always needs to be in control. I enjoy the outdoors, dining in and out, movies, all types of music (especially jazz), working out, intimate conversation, reciprocal sex; like leather, no S/M. You have gym-toned, muscular build, NS, ND, light drinker OK. At least 5'9½", proportional weight, butch only, GW/GLM. Call ★★6167.

Just My Imagination...

Hanging out with a cool dude, 20-32, with smooth chest, groovin' on old soul or jazz, diggin' the sex thang, buddies, soulmates, or whatever. Can you dig it? Spiritual, sexual, sensual, social connections. Fact or fiction? You decide. Me: 5'8", 140, br/br, 30s, HIV-. Offer void where prohibited. Artists encouraged. Call ★★6168.

Mellow Yellow Fellow

But highly energetic at 45. Masculine, altruistic Asian, 5'9", wants to meet cleanshaven, gym-toned, slender or muscular WM to develop symbiotic relationship and share eclectic experiences. We are physically active and fit, nonsmokers, communicative, affectionate and honest. Enjoy workouts, hiking, dancing, sports, cultural arts, films, PBS, home life and lovemaking. Am somewhat quiet and assertive but respectful of mutual feelings in and out of bed. And you? Reply BT Box MY83A or call ★★6169.

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Airline employee working for major carrier interested in meeting other travel industry employees for travel anywhere or just hanging out in the

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DON'T BE A SAP! HOW LONG CAN IT LAST? HE'S BOUND TO DUMP YA. ALWAYS HAVE SOMEONE IN THE WINGS!
(DOUG)
NOW PAY ATTENTION:
OK, SAY WHILE GROCERY SHOPPING YOU NOTICE A CUTE GUY:
-FIRST, WATCH WHAT HE SELECTS,
-THEN, SELECT EXACTLY THE SAME ITEMS.
-WHEN HIS ATTENTION'S DIVERTED, STEAL HIS SHOPPING CART.
-APOLOGETICALLY RETURN IT TO HIM.
-EXCLAIM ABOUT YOUR UNCANNY SIMILARITIES IN TASTE. ASK HIM TO DINNER IF HE DOESN'T ASK YOU FIRST...
WOW! WE BOTH BUY "I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S NOT BUTTER" IN THE TUB!
EERIE! LET'S MAKE LOVE BEHIND THE DAIRY CASE, THEN I'LL TAKE YOU HOME TO MEET THE DOG..
OR, LET'S IMAGINE THAT IT'S THE HUNKY KID BEHIND THE BAKERY COUNTER WHO HAS YOUR HORMONES IN AN UPROAR,
-FIRST, TRY TO PURCHASE A RAISIN SCONE WITH A HUNDRED DOLLAR BILL.
-ANNOYED, THE HUNK WILL TELL YOU TO "JUST TAKE IT"...
-PROMISE TO COME BACK LATER & PAY.
-WHEN YOU DO, HE'LL BE CHARMED AND IMPRESSED BY YOUR DORKY HONESTY.
HELL MAYBE AN HONEST GUY WOULD BE A NICE CHANGE OF PACE..
HERE'S THAT BUCK I OWE YOU FROM YESTERDAY, GUY.
ARE YOU FREE FOR DINNER?
THE MIDWESTERNGUY® METHOD, DATES GALORE. ALMOST GUARANTEED!

Bay Area. I'm 31, clean-cut, very straight-looking, young at heart and love spur of the moment travel. In-flight, ground operations and travel agents especially encouraged to write or phone. Reply BT Box MY84A or call ★★6170.

Asian Cub

North American brown bear seeks panda cub. Big brother type (40, interesting, successful, affectionate, not bad-looking) wants to meet slender Asian, 30s. Must be bright, serious, adventurous, smoke- and drug-free, HIV-. Fun, dates and serious stuff are all possible. To learn more: Call ★★6171.

Looking for a nice man with eyes bright with love and enthusiasm, a smile warm with humor, a body fit because of care and self-respect and a heart tempered by experience and reflection. Be honest, at one with yourself and your sexuality. Sensual (good hugger and kisser), facial hair (goatee, moustache or beard) are musts! No drugs, smoke, S/M, shaving or other twinkie silliness. I am all of the above. Reply BT Box MY85A or call ★★6172.

Family Values

Are what I'm looking for. I have a warm family of friends and I'm looking for a life partner who is first of all my best friend. I'm professional, intense, out, reflective, romantic, like swimming, reading, theater, arts. 26, GWM, 5'10", 150#, "cute all-American." Looking for similar man, masculine Asian or Caucasian, 24-32, reasonably good shape, who is serious but has sense of humor. If you like Ella, Aretha, k.d., *The New Republic* and *Tales of the City*, we should talk. Letter with photo or detailed message, please. Reply BT Box MY86A or call ★★6173.

Smoking Ham-Hock

Tall GWM Southerner, 49, HIV-, smoker, 'stache, glasses, 195#, with Rubenesque/Titan body, non-BB, cut, drug-free, looking for GWM chaser, HIV-, cut (hairy a+ & facial hair), drug-free for wining, dining, TLC and oral delights. Reply BT Box MY87A or call ★★6174.

Two Are Better Than One

GWM, 40ish, nonsmoker, attractive, prof., 6', 185, blond, bearded, Libra, HIV-, monogamous, affectionate, sensual, quiet type with character. Seeking a believer in the unseen father and Yeshua Messiah, but want no part of any church. That's me, now tell me about you. Over a drink or dinner? If you write, please enclose a picture. Reply BT Box MY88A or call ★★6175.

Let's Get Naked

Attractive, friendly, boyish-looking GWM, 34 y.o., 5'8", 140#, dark blond hair, green eyes, clean-cut, hairy, trim body, seeks handsome, muscular, independent top man for friends and fun. Reply w/photo (returned) for fast response. Box 99, 2300 Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★6176.

Seeking Friends & Sexual Encounters

You: GWM, between the ages of 20-28 years old, fun, caring, outgoing, talkative and sexually active. Me: Chinese, 20 years old, humorous, understanding, lovable, cute and love sex. Please write to me with your recent photos: PO Box 60406, Palo Alto 94306 (college students preferred) or call ★★6177.

Straight-

Forward. No BS. I'm a windsurfer looking for other sailboarders to sail and hang with. Skiing and sailboating are my passions. Intellect and talent are my driving forces, directed by a love of life on this planet. Straight in appearance, bi in taste—you be the same. You also gotta be healthy and up; strong in convictions and body. Please make it easy and natural—no rush. Your reply gets mine, no kidding. Reply BT Box MY89A or call ★★6178.

Guy W/Foreskin Wanted

Very nice, healthy, masculine man in 40s seeks guy with a lot of skin. I am not into gay lifestyle and prefer to meet the same type. Open to a friendship with a man who is for real. Call me. You may have a lot of TLC and fun waiting for you. Call ★★6179.

Life Partner

Wanted by in-shape young-acting, 52 y.o. GWM, NS, ND, no drugs, HIV-. You honest, caring, flexible, patient, weight in proportion to height. We are both comfortable, compatible, cuddly. Write PO Box 31854, SF 94131 or call ★★6180.

Prone To Fall In Love

Beautiful 19 y.o. "child abuse survivor" seeks equal to fall in love with. I'm young but never foolish. Latino, 5'8", 150#, blk/brn, fit. Cute, crazy, conservative, funny, wise, a vegetarian, humanitarian, environmentalist, thinker/dancer, looking for cute, romantic, connected, "fear-free" guy. ND/NS. Meet someone special, call me. Looking for long-term, settle for short. Call ★★6181.

Sex First!

Then maybe more—the old-fashioned way. Sure, I'd like a relationship, but you can't mail order one. Perhaps it happens. Lust, though, is easier and always there. I'm 5'9", 165, brown/blue, 49, and extra well-hung. I'm hungry for hot head, full body play, your chest. Words are trippy too: books, theater, politics, conversation, sex talk. Body/mind, nature/culture. Let's connect! Call ★★6182.

Active Man Sought

GWM seeks partner. I'm 42, brn, brn, balding, tall, thin, avg looks, HIV- & an atheist. I bicycle, play tennis, hike, car camp & backpack. Movies & an occasional Giants game are favorite pastimes as well. I'm looking for someone who is available, secure, reasonably sane, active, fit & not too materialistic. If you are between 35 and 55, possess a sense of humor, and don't define your entire existence with your sexuality, drop me a line. Please—no smokers, dopers, drunks or therapy junkies. Reply BT Box MY90A or call ★★6183.

Beginning Boy

I've always had the fantasy, it's time for the reality. Boy needs a daddy who is sometimes gentle, sometimes rough, but always firm. You're 30-50 y.o., average to good looks, race is not important, attitude is. I'm 27, 6'1", slim, not smooth, not a bear, good-looking, ready to satisfy. I'll do what I'm told, within reason. Open to experimentation, not heavy pain. Call ★★6184.

Stocky Top Dad

I like sex: hot, steamy, wild sex with thin submissive bottoms. I like romance, companionship, intellectual stimulation, honesty and silliness. I would like to have it all with one man (prefer HIV-, 30-45 y.o.). I'm 47, masculine, HIV-, firm stocky build, successful professional with a proven track record in relationships. Being together should be fun, whether exploring the Sierra or having a quiet evening at home. I like men who submit in bed but take charge in other areas of their lives. Learn more, reply BT Box MY91A or call ★★6185.

Bound, Tied & Tickled

Cute GLM, 20, 5'9", 145#, smooth, slim, alternative type. Hopeless romantic into cuddling, massaging, extensive kissing. Seeking men into ropes, struggling scenes, teasing & prolonged unmerciful tickling scenes. Must be imaginative, versatile, attractive, have sensitive nipples/pits/stomach. Smooth great, hairy +. Have wonderful playroom, toys, fingers, tongue. Securely bound, you will be subjected to deep-throat kissing, while I work your pits and stomach over. Perhaps my friends will assist in this torture, which could last hours. Interested? There's more, a lot more. No wimps, please. Call ★★6186.

Handsome Outdoorsman

Handsome and sexy GWM, 54, 5'10", 168, blue eyes, trimmed beard, seeks attractive masculine man for potential lifemate. Interests include bicycling, hiking, organic vegetable gardening and weekend outings. Prefer HIV-, NS, light/ND, great shape. You are youthful at least in outlook, have a great sense of humor and are easy to be around. Balding and hairy pluses. Outdoors-oriented triple pluses. Call ★★6187.

Seeking Very Thin Asian

Handsome, professional GWM finds very thin Asians irresistible. You'll discover I'm caring, nurturing, generous, romantic, sometimes frivolous. I'm 51 (look 30s), Jewish, professional, 5'9", 170, moustache. I don't smoke or drink, I'm HIV-, work out regularly. My interests include cooking, PBS, classical music, travel (I'm studying Thai). I'm open to a one-night stand, casual affair or life-long commitment. Call ★★6188.

Where Is The Love?

Tired of being alone? How many times are you going to be lonely at night wishing that special someone was lying beside you? I'm a handsome BM, 33-yr-old, 160 lbs., 5'9", with a heart full of love, interested in meeting a guy under 25 yrs. old for a long-term relationship. You don't have to be perfect, just down-to-earth. Call ★★6189.

Summertime

This summer it's about time to refresh the basic concepts and the new principles of the solar motion and to discuss the eternal relationship between the sun and the moon. I'm looking for a wholesome, all-American, 32 to 40, 5'11" or shorter, masculine, athletic, well-built, cleanshaven only, professional, HIV-, who enjoys emotional closeness, friendship, romance, jeans and bold ties, good sex, Paris-Rio-Greece-New York, and the whole world as focus of interest and joy. My interests are art, movies, schools, gym, dance, travel, good energy, good sex and to share with a good man a challenging and wonderful summer. I'm 5'9", 160#, cleanshaven, athletic, HIV-, brn/brn, late 30s, professional, intelligent and, last but not least, a masculine, sensitive and handsome man. Write w/photo. Reply BT Box MY92A or call ★★6190.

Still Plugging Away

Not! I'm Greek passive, Asian, 5'7½", 140 lbs., and uncut. Seek mature males, 35-70. NS, ND and single. I'm sensuous, loving, caring, honest and of average looks. Seek social and traveling companion, willing to exchange photos before meeting but not necessary. Call or write. I promise to reply. Am not seeking a monogamous relationship, just good friends. I've always been single and plan to maintain status. Call ★★6191.

Kindred Spirit

Wanted by warm, friendly, loving, funny, 40 y.o., red beard, 6', 165 lbs., moderately hairy, blue eyes, sexy bald head, nice body, well-endowed. Ardent hiker, artist. Attractions: hairy, masculine, earthy, 35+, humorous, affectionate. Turn-offs: S/M, poppers, drugs, cologne, attitude, smoking. I value friendshnip. I'm safely sexual. Enjoy: city and country, hugging, kissing, quiet conversation, flea markets, museums, gardening, seeing your eyes light up each time we meet and the long embrace that follows. Call ★★6192.

Couple? 45+? Tall, Hung, HIV-!!

Married WM, 50, tall, trim, smooth skin, uncut, red hair, nice rear (bottom). Want to meet monogamous people. Want to get blood test together. If interested, write me (don't say you just got one). I like nude beaches, eating out, movies, concerts, cut men that are hung. Been on the "straight" road and need a man again. PO Box 20053, Oakland 94620.

Good-Looking And Intelligent

Looking for good-looking, 28-35-yr-old, smooth chested, intelligent, HIV-, man with many interests. Someone who laughs, reads, is open-minded and likes the sun, travel and convertibles. I'm hairy chested, romantic, good-looking, Italian American, professional, moustached, GWM, 5'8", 155 lbs., 39-yr-old, HIV-, non-drugs. I love to kiss, cuddle and talk. Send photo. Reply BT Box MY93A or call ★★6193.

Best British Import

British GWM, age 45 (5'11", 150), attractive personality, with comments of good looks, seeks a sincere friendship leading to relationship with another GM with the same ambitions. I am open to cultural diversity, age and color of my partner. Your interests may include: art, design, music, theater, good food and community service. I have my own design and marketing business which, although small, has an established reputation helping the gay community. A partnership of talents is possible with the right man. I dislike voice mail so please leave your message and I will return the pleasure! Call ★★6194.

Mentor

Wants to meet eager young man with leather sex fantasies who would like to explore the radical nature of sensuality and your secret desires. I'm a 40-yr-old, HIV-, bearded, hairy, creative leatherman with large, well-equipped play space. No tourists or thrillseekers, thanks. If interested and sincere, write a detailed, honest letter to B.G., PO Box 421302, SF 94142-1302.

A Lover

GAM, 31, 5'8", 145 lbs., professional, knowledgeable, open-minded, well-built, sense of humor. Seeking 25-40-yr-old for friendship or relationship if possible. NS, ND. South Bay most preferable. Write: PO Box 2009, Santa Clara 95055-2009 or call ★★6195.

Wanted: Kinky Relationship

GWM, 43, 6'4", 250, masc., hairy chest, 'stache, seeks perm. relationship with kinky, perverted & twisted guy, who is also capable of loving and dedicating himself to someone. I'm not into gay or straight scene. More of a loner type, but also love to have good times! Open to all possible fantasies! Let's make them reality! You: 20-40, masc., smooth. Let's live the dream! Call ★★6196.

Shaved Heads? Bald?

Those attributes are pluses in what kind of a guy I'm looking for. Very turned on by leather boys or punk types with cute cuts. Maybe an "alternative lifestyle." I'm a GWM, 38, 6'2", 210 lbs., brown/red, with a variety of interests: music, travel, food, the outdoors, etc. I would like to meet someone my age or younger interested in doing some real "living." Call me—all answered. Call ★★6197.

Small? Horny? Alone? Shy?

Need understanding sex buddy who wants your company, hopes to orally taste your manhood, manipulate your balls and feel the warmth of your body? Let me offer solid friendship but not relationship. Me: BiWM, 58, 5'10", 160, HIV-, casual, bald. You: clean, HIV-, friendly, discreet. Oral safe sex. Rubdown, anybody. Your place. Write: Dick Buddy, PO Box 907, Fremont 94537 or call ★★6198.

If You Like To Watch, Be Watched

Maybe make a video of each other. Me: 39 y.o. short guy, 5'5", in good shape, hairy legs, ass, nice dick. You are any age, healthy, hairy below the waist. Reply: PO Box 640361, SF 94164-0361 or call ★★6199.

An Affair

Good-looking Italian, bi, 38, 5'10", 160 lbs., masculine not macho, cleanshaven, well-hung, sensitive, affectionate, leftist, married with children, seeks similar bi or gay man under 40 for intense affair. I'm sensual, passionate, in touch with feelings, open-minded, not affected, very oral and want someone who is the same, just a regular guy. If the chemistry is right, let's make love. Call ★★6200.

Relationship Plus

GWM, 44, 6'1½", 190. Handsome, intelligent, gym-toned, lt. brn hair, moustache, fair complexion, hazel eyes, HIV+, healthy, asymptomatic and positive attitude. Enjoy outdoor activities, travel, gardening, quiet evenings at home. Value communication, work and private time. Seek friendship as well as romance with a handsome, masculine GWM w/similar qualities, who appreciates the arts, is athletically-oriented and interested in self-exploration. Clean/neat and non-mainstream a big plus. Call ★★6201.

New Boy In Marin

Just moved from NYC to Mill Valley. Hope to find a great boyfriend. I'm 32, 6'2", 185, br/gr, HIV- and considered good-looking. My best features are my sense of humor, genuine niceness and joy in living. I hope to meet someone with similar qualities, under 40 and HIV-, preferably in Marin. Spring is for romance, right? Well, I'm ready! Reply BT Box MY94A or call ★★6202.

Abandon Time

And clothing. Writhe nakedly, feel your maleness, push me down between your legs. Guide my head. Fathom my deep, wet mouth, but only if you are short, masculine, younger than me, know what you want. Gay or bi white only. Turn me over, hold my wrists, dominate me, be selfish, but don't expect passivity. HIV+, BiWM, 30, cute and ruggedly handsome, very long blond hair, blue eyes. Call ★★6203.

Handsome Jewish guy, 30s, seeks similar to age 39, on Peninsula or in South Bay, for an afternoon of roller coastering at Great America. Sweet, thoughtful guy who is also a connoiseur of puns welcome! Reply BT Box MY95A or call ★★6204.

Let's Get Down To Business

Dating is a lot of work! Relationships are a lot of work! Meeting people from ads is a lot of work! I'm tired of trying to read between the lines of some of these B.S. ads to find something worthwhile. Some guys don't know a good thing till it's too late. Yeah, I'm handsome. Yeah, I'm sexy. Yeah, I'm romantic. Yeah, I'm sure you are too! But let's face it, guys, no games. I'm real and I'm ready. I appreciate someone's insides as much as their outsides. I'm a quality man who is attractive, independent, spontaneous, fun, great cook, loves to ski, in great shape and a fabulous kisser. I'm HIV-, 38, 5'8", 170 lbs., brn hair, brn eyes, Asian mix, no drugs, nonsmoker. I pretty much have everything I want in my life at the moment, except for a special person to share it with. If you're a GWM that can fit the bill mentally, physically and financially, call and let's have some real fun. Call ★★6205.

Let's Get Naked

Attractive, friendly, boyish-looking GWM, 34 y.o., 5'8", 140#, dark blond hair, grn eyes. Cleanshaven, hairy trim body; seeks handsome, muscular, independent topman for friends and fun. Reply w/photo (returned) Box 99, 2300 Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★6206.

Kafka, Kierkegaard, Mahalia, Christmas

Passionate body and soul... seeking more serious Partner or just friends. Asian/Latin/all races with similar interests. Me: moderate independent Christian, Van Gogh, Twilight Zone, Pascal, Buber, music (Sade, Vandross, Orbison, Nat, etc.), Chaplin, Schulz, Looney Toons, no heavy alcohol or drug dependency, lite videophile, Kirk Cummings, ethnic food, casual and easygoing private type... You? Exterior: I'm WM, 30, 5'9". 155#, cleanshaven, "good-looking." Reply to: JS, PO Box 640041, SF 94109-0041. Letters preferred or call ★★6207.

WM Nudist/AM Nudist

100 percent nudist/exhibitionist, Caucasian, 36, 5'11", 160, average looks/build, clean-cut, cleanshaven, seeking 100 percent nudist Asian to share imaginative/daring/shameless nude/exhibitionist adventures. A fun time: going out barely dressed (shorts/spandex) to go somewhere to get nude, or letting it hang out and show in unlikely/unusual places, or just hanging out at beach/home nude and uninhibited. Call ★★6208.

GWM, 39, muscular, health-conscious, nonsmoker, well-educated, professional, sensitive, considerate. Interested in personal growth, international affairs. Enjoys travel, movies, exercise, hikihg, good food, reading, conversation. Seeks quality men, 25-40, (slight preference for Asians/Latinos), with similar or complementary traits and interests for fun, meaningful friendships and potential monogamous relationship. Honesty and integrity a must. Please reply to PO Box 194481, SF 94119 or call ★★6209.

Capable

Of giving and receiving love? Let's date and see where the chemistry takes us. I'm good-looking, GWM, b/bl eyes, 35, versatile, healthy HIV+, cleanshaven, clean & sober and nonsmoker. My interests include art, antiques, mod. rock, dancing, auctions, flea markets, biking, skiing, etc.; cooking and gardening. Reply now if you are similar, honest, serious and looking for a companion. I would like photo/letter. Call OK. Reply BT Box MY96A or call ★★6210.

Austrian With Green Card

I don't know... what do you write down? I need to meet some people & must have motorcycle—I want to sit naked on a motorcycle. So... just got my green card; I'm Austrian & fun. I like to have a good time—always. I want someone like that: fun with spontaneous ideas & tall—6' like me. Tall only, please. Under 35. Let's go out for a very good time. Call ★★6211.

Latino On The Loose

I feel that "slut" is not a pejorative. This 5'3", 110 lb., blk/brn, HIV-, cut, versatile, petite boy is not interested in cock size, musculature or HIV status. Sole interest is safe pleasure. Although I'm pretty vanilla, I have been coaxed into other things. If you're interested, send photo (if possible) and a detailed letter. Ciao. Reply BT Box MY97A or call ★★6212.

No Sex

Without love. I believe sex should be a communion between two people in a committed relationship who love and care for each other. I am a romantic WM, 32, 5'8", 125, who seeks an Asian or Caucasian, 25-35, with similar values for a long-lasting monogamous partnership. I am intelligent and well-educated, having completed graduate school; but I'm also down-to-earth and unpretentious. Gentleness, kindness and loyalty are qualities I value. I like books, music, children (I want to adopt someday), dogs, nature, running and conversation, and I have a deep concern for the environment and for animals (I am a vegetarian). I also believe there is much more to life than the acquisition of material possessions. Like me, you are slim, cleanshaven, and a nonsmoker; you don't own a leather jacket and you probably don't live in the City. PO Box 40352, Berkeley 94704.

New To The Bay Area

Me: attractive, young, 37 y.o., GW/LM, 5'4", 125, brn, brn, LS, LD, HIV-, stable, balanced, easygoing (yet excitable), spiritually active Libra. Likes: music (varied), quiet-active days and nights, serious and humorous conversation, harmony and much, much more. Dislikes: games, evasiveness, substance abuse (over-indulgence), bar flies. Seeking: guys my size (give or take), GA/L/WM, 30-40, for friendships or possible monogamous relationship. Call ★★6214.

Sex Buddy

East/South Bay bisexual W. male, youthful spirit, ready willing attitude, mature body, cleanshaven, short hair/bald, HIV-, ht/wt proportional (5'10", 160), good person, caring, ND, NS, seeking sex friends, any age, color, race, dick size, culture, physical imperfections OK, not seeking LT relationship. Looking for good, friendly, responsible, responsive men, possibly shy, who will join me for dinner and an overnighter in your bed. Communication, openness, honesty yes. No Greek. Closeness, nudity, touching, rubbing, kissing, tasting, massaging, hugging yes. You need not be good-looking, muscle-toned, suntanned and young. I'm not, so I don't take/send photos. If you are, great. All horny, needy males welcome. Pluses: East/South Bay, mature, smooth, reliable, like oral work on hard-on and massage. Write today. Failing to plan is planning to fail. Dick Buddy, PO Box 907, Fremont 94537 or call ★★6215.

Latino Looking For Special Friend

25 y.o., blk/brn, 113 lbs., 5'3", HIV-, not a gym bunny. Likes the Simpsons, Emma Peel, El Vez, Sunday mornings in bed, some politics (more QN than Demo club), rock & hip hop, comic books, humor and, of course, sex. Have a special weakness for Latinos and Italians, but open to all. Dick size and HIV status are irrelevant. Letter with photo (if possible). Reply BT Box MY98A or call ★★6216.

Exceptional Man

This WM is sensual, hairy, late-30s, HIV-, NS, friendly and well-adjusted. If you met me, you might say, "He's really cute... a great smile, a sexy body and a charmer. I'd like to date him!" You have a well-exercised body that likes to give and take lots of attention, kissing, cuddling. Honesty, integrity, real pluses as well as understanding the difference between sex and intimacy. Serious only, please. Call ★★6217.

Friendship And Love

33-yr-old GWM, 5'10", 150, bl/blue, lean and tight, seeks other guys into hard rock, backpacking, weightlifting, the beach, the bedroom, the look in my blue eyes. I have a good sense of humor and love to travel, you should too. Prefer guys my age or younger that are not afraid of friendship and love. Let's talk over coffee. Call ★★6218.

Is Anyone Out Here?

Just moved to Brentwood and am in search of my "Mr. Right." I am a handsome GWM, 28, 6'2", 175#, dark brown hair/moustache/eyes, serious-minded/good humored, successful professional, who enjoys classical/ethnic music, card games, dinner/movies, travel, cooking, and working around my house. If you're a handsome GWM/GAM/GJM, 25-35, who takes care of himself, has social grace, is a nonsmoker with no other addictions, is comfortable with life and being "gay," college educated, and willing to devote time to a monogamous relationship, I might have found my answer. Reply PO Box 5324, Walnut Creek 94596 or call ★★6219.

Stoners With Boners

Androgynous Scorpio rockstar magician vegetarian longhair singer musician. I'm on the road to fame and fortune. Can we travel together a piece? I want a tasty young man who loves to fuck and get sucked and wants me for his squeeze. I like rocker musicians longhairs goatees disco studs athletes and stoner dudes of all persuasions. A good friend most of all. Trust and honesty. Letter/photo appreciated. Reply BT Box MY99A or call ★★6220.

Foot Action

BiAM, 5'8", brown eyes, black hair, 155 lbs., good-looking, 30 years old, seeks young guys for mutual foot action. Call and tell me what foot scenes you are into. Describe yourself and have name, number and the best time to contact you. Call ★★6221.

Bondage By Student

Are you a guy, 18-40 yrs. old, that's been thinking about bondage but never acted on it? GWM student has the summer free to provide for you in a safe, secure environment. From light to heavy. From ropes, iron, leather to your imagination. Sex or no sex; top/bottom or mutual. Discre-

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

DALY CITY FUN TIME GUYS!! sought by 6', 170lbs, white male CALL for hm number. ☎4283

SF HANDICAPPED GAY MEN'S GROUP FORMING: 40 yr old handicapped interested in forming a group call mailbox for details. ☎4836

SF COME N' GET ME: Sub. GWM, 28, bodybuilder, seeking dom. black male to indulge life's little pleasures with. ☎4679

PALO ALTO SERVITUDE: HAVE CAR WILL TRAVEL : 39, I'M into guys under 45, tell me where to meet you. (hairy guys a plus) discretion advised. ☎4684

DALY CITY WM, 170lbs, looking for fun time guys, call ☎4283

SAN FRANCISCO INEXPERIENCED: 6'1, 155lbs, slender, blond, blue eyes, desires understanding guy, looks unimportant it's what's insides that counts. ☎1384

SF "LET'S MAKE ENDS MEET" 29 yr old, into younger guys, into safe stuff, get togethers/talks ☎1588

SF EXCITED AS HELL: sub. bttm, seeking dom. top for fun call for hm number. ☎2443

SF FRIENDS OR PHONE: hispanic, 5'7, 140lbs, dark hair/stached, lots of interests, I'm very romantic, and sensual, seeking goodlkg slender special someone. ☎3906

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA STUD INTO SUN, surf and water sports, into hanging out, correspondence with young guys under 25. call for hm number, let' get busy. ☎3945

SF LITTLE BROTHER WANTED; Sincere 43 yr old, 6', 170lbs, seeks slim, asian or white guy 18-32 for sincere friendship, prefer boyish looks, non-smoker a plus, ☎3492

SF STOCKY AND SHY: new to gay life: 5'9, 160lbs, brwn hair/eyes, glasses, hairy w/moustache, seeking guy 25-35 to talk and do things with. (call for hm number and describe yourself) ☎4189

SF A SPECIAL PERSON: Hairy 5'9, 150lbs, 43, black & passionate, enjoy travel and fun nights out, ☎3643

SF NOT YET OUT: New to scene, any race ok, 25-35 seeking smooth guys in same situation. I'm clean shaven, goodlooking and professional. ☎3769

Sonoma FOOTBALL BUILD: 29 yr old, blond haired, hazel eyed, bearded, hairy chest desires top or versatile hairy guy who likes the outdoors. ☎3846

San Francisco 5'5, CLEAN shaven, attractive, well built, enjoy outdoors, movies, romantic dinners, HIV+, seeking top man with similar outlook ☎2964

SF SALT & PEPPER Couple seeks top man for versatile fun & frolic ☎2682

SF ANY TAKERS? Bi-white male, 140lbs, 5'10, 29 yr old, seeking younger smooth slim types for discreet times ☎2859

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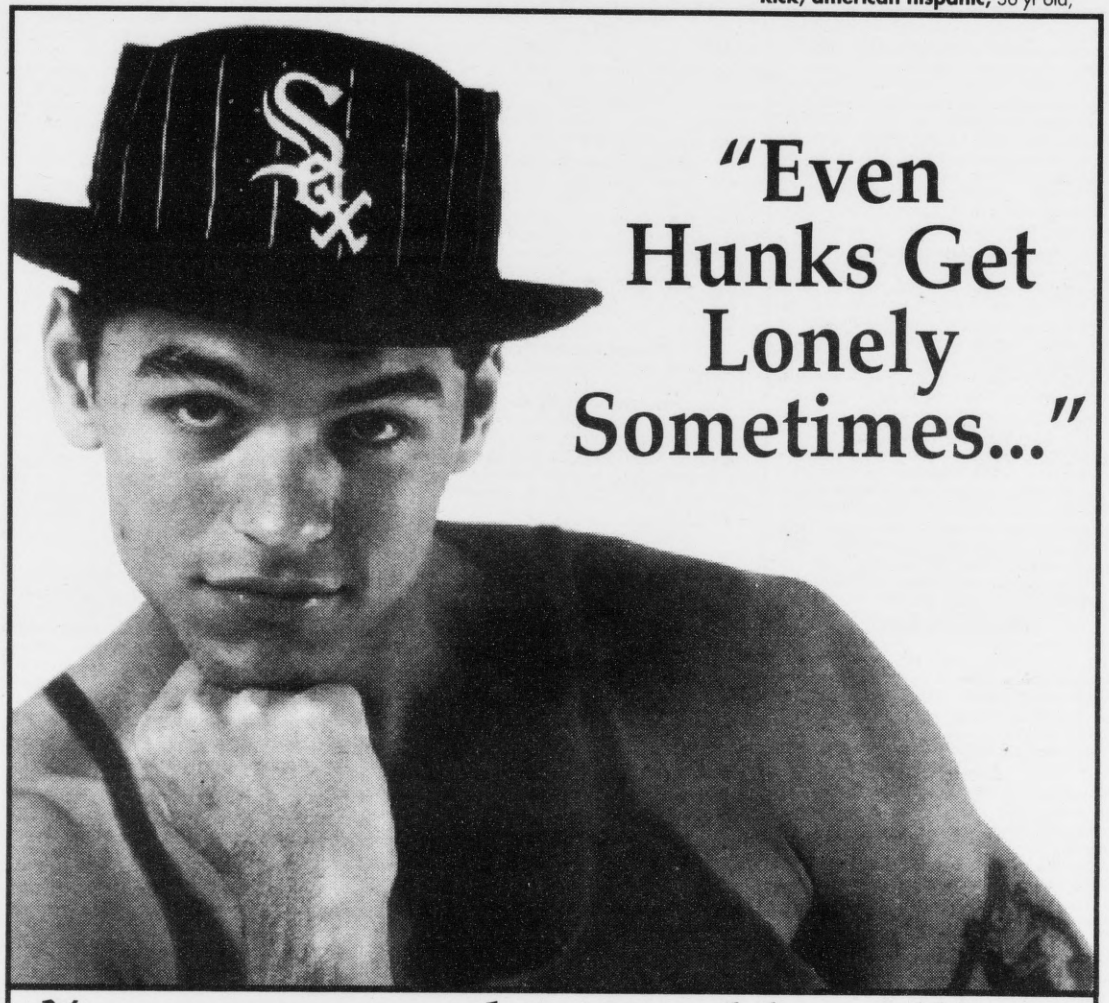

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Kevin, 24, 5'11, 170, smooth clean shaven endowed BM seeks same, call for my number. ☎ 1902

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DR. Feelgood 22, 5'5, bttm, looking for someone 22-34 ☎ 2124

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New boy in Town seeks BLACK male. I'm a 35 yr old, white male, 6', slim, handsome, homebody, new to S. Bay area, looking for slender tall 30-35 yr old BM ☎ 1521

AVAILABLE tonite. I'm a 25 yr old, 5'7, 165lbs, black hair/brwn eyes Bi-guys ok too. ☎ 1439

MEXICAN guy, 40 yr old, enjoy bicycling, working out, masc. men with similar interests wanted ☎ 2362

Paul, 26, goodlking musc. built BB type seeking same, call for hm numberLet's get together and have some fun tonight! ☎ 2392

ASIAN, 5'8, 175lbs, goodlking, ask for John, ☎ 2293

HOT BLACK BB attractive & ripped185lbs, thick moderated hairy, endowed, prefer dark haired musc. men , any race but must be built, ☎ 1924

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39 And Holding

Handsome, GWM, brown/blue, HIV-, 5'10", 155#, with positive attributes and attitudes approaching mid-life (crisis?). Successful career, gym-toned, enjoy outdoors, travel, films, music (KBLS, KSAN, KKSF), laughter and good times with close friends. Seeking dates (maybe more) with in-shape, 35-45, NS, HIV-, employed and relatively together gent. Airheads, pretentious and multiply pierced please skip to next ad. Reply BT Box MY101A or call ★★6223.

Blonds, Redheads, Asians, Latins!

Lend me your ears. Or other body parts you like to have nibbled. Who knows? We may not be content with loans alone. Gay 40s (looks younger) seeks queer 30s for mutual respect of our diverse life experiences/perspectives, physical/emotional/spiritual intimacy, growing together, growing individually, laughter, lust and lewd times. I'm bearded, moustached, playful, humorous, really smart, slightly kinky. We're both short, NS, HIV-. Call ★★6224.

Is There Life After

Ads? Seek attractive (your definition), height-weight proportional GM, any race, (if I have a "type," it's 30something men of color—ideal, not essential) who keeps his word, sensitive, as partner, lover, friend; for hot times, "cool" friendship, mutuality, caring, playfulness. Me: nurturing, honest, warmhearted; enjoy music, theater, beach, walking, home, massage, cats; GWM, 5'10", 180, 52 young years, HIV-, muscular, salt/pepper beard/moustache. Call ★★6225.

Wanted: Small Penis Guy, Any Nationality

I want you inside me. I am a tall, slender, 39-yr-old Italian with a tight ass. Please describe yourself in your reply. Call ★★6226.

Dependable, Affectionate, Open, Curious

36, HIV-, tall & slender, masculine man of integrity looking for a loving, long-term relationship. I'm sensitive, sensual, silly, serious, and a good listener. Not much of a homebody; love to converse in cafes. After 12 years, computer programming still fascinates me, although I'd drop my job in a second if I could. In my acting classes, I enjoy taking on "the given circumstances" of a wide variety of characters. Politically, I particularly like leftists who drive PC people crazy. Raised on rock & roll & humor. Would rather produce a program than "kill my TV." Grew up in the Bay Area, and take for granted its lack of traditions. In my agnosticism and rationality, I take after my dad, but it don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing. I'd like to meet a guy who's HIV-, sweet, dependable and agrees with me that the more two people love each other, the better the sex is. Your intelligence & education are not as important to me as are the passionate curiosity and openness to life's surprises. Your race, hobbies & salary are totally irrelevant, but you should have a job & interests. You should probably be 25-42 & in reasonable shape. I live & work on the Peninsula and get to SF at least three times/week. If you like this ad, let's talk! Write or call. If you want my photo, please send yours. Reply BT Box MY102A or call ★★6227.

Playful, financially stable, very self-aware, directed, well-educated, musical (voice), romantic, good-looking, dark Irish/Portuguese GM-NS, 31, who's new to the area, is looking for a romantic friend to enjoy the wilderness and cities, travel, nesting, running, quiet confidences and looney play... If you appreciate horticulture and design, are independent, love being sexy, down-to-earth, fit, curious, social, cosmopolitan yet love nature, enjoy music and are between 28-40, reply BT Box MY103A or call ★★6228.

Sei Italiano?

Giovane colto Italo-Americano cerca... the same to age 40. I am a professional, financially secure Italian American, who is emotionally stable and looking for a person to share life with. My interests are varied from ethnic restaurants and the theater to entertaining at home, good conversation and cultural events. Honesty and sincerity are the most important factors in building a monogamous relationship—you must be able to commit to a LTR. My height and weight are in proportion, like yours; I prefer hairy and Italian. Looking for someone who shares the same interests/qualities, and who is NS, ND and HIV-. Let's talk and see what happens. Call ★★6229.

Servant? Houseboy? Slave?

Do you seek discipline, direction, guidance? Are you prepared to serve as a houseboy, cook? Are you available for my pleasure or amusement? Are you able to fantasize, role-play, model underwear? How do you feel bonded and blindfolded? If you are capable of any or all of this or just want to try it, 18-35 y.o. bottom, preferably trim and smooth and hopefully HIV-, then you need to contact me. This is all non-leather. Me? 45 y.o., HIV-, 5'8", 200 lbs., masculine but not hairy. Reply BT Box MY104A or call ★★6230.

Boyfriend Wanted

Attractive, healthy, HIV+ GWM, blue eyes, 5'6", 150 lbs., 40, interests in Buddhism, art and music, seeks short, handsome, HIV+ GWM, 30, uncut, neopagan, who loves intimacy, romance and sex, for a long-term tryst and love affair. Call ★★6231.

Mature Fit Man Wanted

Me: a self-employed professional; handsome with a full head blond hair and a tanned rock-hard body; 6 ft., 165 lbs., 60 yrs. old, HIV-. Interested in travel, theater, antiques, cooking, working out, swimming. You: 40-70 yrs. old, any race, NS, in-shape, educated, intelligent and, above all, loving and good sex. Call ★★6232.

Authentic, Affectionate

Attractive, professional GWM looking for other HIV- men in their 40s to mid-50s for dating, the pleasure of each other's company, and an eventual relationship. Men who attract me are authentic, affectionate, educated, professional, interesting, well-groomed and versatile. Weight and height proportionate. Piercings, excessive weight or hair, and buffed Greek gods are a turn-off. I am 48 years old, HIV-, 5'10", 180 pounds, dark hair, cleanshaven, blue eyes and balding. My loves are learning, music, sunshine, warm weather, friends, running, dancing, my work and most things which are slightly exotic. I lead a busy and varied life. I have had custody of and raised my children. I am in the middle of earning an advanced degree as a way of challenging and expanding all of my own horizons as my children leave to explore their lives. I run five days a week and am not a fanatic. My home is in the East Bay and my office is in the Financial District. No drugs, excessive alcohol or smokers. I'm in long-term recovery. Eventually I want to find someone with whom I can craft a shared life of comfort, intimacy and pleasure in who we are and who we want to be. For now I am interested in having a good time with other adult men who show up for their lives and are glad they are who they are. Reply BT Box MY105A or call ★★6233.

Hi There, Here's Your Opportunity!

45+ y.o. GWM, successful, professional seeks 31+ y.o., energetic, sincere and romantic professional. I am 5'9", 160 lbs., blond with a moustache, trim, energetic, easygoing and an exciting top! I actively pursue many activities including horse sports, the arts, dining (esp. home dinners), wines, fireplaces in mountain cabins and snowmobiling. If you are larger than me, fun, easygoing, HIV-, bottom, NS, homebody and honestly looking for companionship or a LTR call me. Reply BT Box MY106A or call ★★6234.

Apple Pie With Love

I know you are out there—somewhere. You are, of course, that handsome, masculine, loving, great at sex, and physically fit GWM with "family values" and a great sense of humor. You are mature, stable, drug-free, NS, HIV- and employed. Being free of self-delusion you do not confuse yourself with a Colt model if you are just an average Joe. I seek someone who seriously values relationships, but who also has the maturity not to take himself too seriously. This handsome, 40s, degreed, professional GWM, living in the City, is 5'10", 160#, gym-toned, HIV-, NS, ND, with s&p hair. I enjoy water and snow skiing, watching football, boating and a broad spectrum of cultural pursuits. If you value friends and family and if you enjoy laughing, fireplaces, sex, cuddling and communicating your inner feelings then please send a letter with photo (returnable) to JL, PO Box 190907, SF 94119.

Long Weekend J/O Sessions

I'm a straight-acting GWM, 39, 6'1", 200 lbs., balding and who's HIV-. I'm seeking another straight-acting GWM, 21 to 45, weight proportional to height or so, and who's HIV-. I want to have long weekend J/O sessions on a regular basis over your place. So, if you're seriously interested, and live from San Jose to San Francisco, contact PO Box 880, Redwood City 94064.

Nordic Seeking Mediterranean

Tall, leanly muscled 38 y.o. blond with radiant blue eyes and a warm, bright, unaffected personality seeks naturally masculine, very well-built and responsible Latin or Mediterranean in 20s-30s for safe encounters accompanied by growing intimacy and trust. You're a non-swaggering top or a man whose sexual passion might even transcent "positions" to allow us both to playfully, caringly experiment—free to laugh, smile, wrestle and kiss. Reply BT Box MY107A or call ★★6235.

Musclebound Cheapskates Welcome

As well as sensitive poets, revolutionaries, mountain-climbers, wealthy professionals, et al.—just don't be dull or uncompromising. Race, height, hair color, age negotiable. I'm a cute white boy, 5'11", sexy, slender, HIV+, not an extremist, wanting neither life-long companionship nor one-night stands—although if necessary I'll make an exception to either rule! Reply BT Box MY108A or call ★★6236.

Teddy Bear Dad Seeks Bottom Son

Love caught us by surprise. It changed our lonely lives. We may be frightened, but hold my hand as we explore the power of love. Me: lonely, shy, honest, sincere, attractive, GWM, 43, 6'5", 280 lbs., top. You: attractive, GWM, 21-35, slim, bottom. Interests include music, concerts, plays, cabaret. Looking for affectionate individuals who want more than a one-night stand. Call ★★6237.

Soon We'll Be Sleeping In Paris

Then we can set those angels free. GWM, 29, 5'11", HIV+, seeks similar under 35. Friends say I'm hot, handsome. In-shape swimmer's build. Bars are getting tiresome. I'm not built for casual relationships. It takes a long time to get to know me, but I promise you it's well worth the wait. I love music (rock, country, pop, performing and songwriting), early morning bagels at a sidewalk cafe and road trips. Sexually: I like to wrestle and find out who comes up on top (don't underestimate my strength) though primarily I want that special top man who's a mixture of Indiana Jones and Remington Steele (I've been watching too much TV lately). I'm not into smoke, drink, drugs or mooches. Oh yeah, the headline doesn't have much to do with this ad but it is a good song. Bonus points if you know the name of the artist. Reply BT Box MY109A or call ★★6238.

Eating The Bear

Love big hairy or stocky men to munch on. If you desire a very hot erotic time in bed this GLM will service you till you can't take anymore! Write or call: PO Box 1206, Capitola 95010 or call ★★6239.

Hurry Up!

Come on, baby! Hurry up and catch me before I fall in love with someone else. I'm 25, 5'7", 128 lbs. (Thank God I'm still HIV-!). I'm not a pretty queen or a muscle sister but I have a great smile and wonderful heart. I have a lot of interests and other surprises for my special guy. You: around my age, in or near SF, not a rice queen, not out of shape, no one-night stand, any color. If you like young, cute Asians, just give me a call at ★★6240. Be careful, I'm ready for love. Hurry up!

A Midwestern Type Of Guy

Sincere, romantic GWM—handsome, healthy, HIV-; bright, professionally employed, home-owner, with varied interests and many talents. Stats: Jewish, 39, 165#, 5'11", brown hair (sparse on top), moustache. Friends consider me gentle, nurturing, sensitive and witty—I agree. Seek friendship that could develop into a committed relationship with a Caucasian or Hispanic nonsmoker, light- or non-drinker, who complements/shares/appreciates the above characteristics. Reply BT Box MY110A or call ★★6241.

Great Sex

I think can be the foundation of a mutually fulfilling LTR. Get away from the Bay Area, come to my house at the Russian River for a few days, discover if I might just be your perfect boyfriend. I am 30 (look 22), 5'9", 135#, long blond/blue, slightly muscular, tan, into Live 105, Metallica and young boys (18+). UB: 18-30 (if over 25, look much younger), slim, honest, fun-loving, cute, like to fuck and be fucked. HIV- way cool, but not essential. Pluses: smooth, swimmer's build, long hair, have huge rock box CD player for the nude beaches. Big, big, big plus: student or someone who can move up here for the summer to love and play. Write me now! Bad Boy, PO Box 209, Rio Nido 95471.

In Emeryville

GWM, 38, 5'10", 160 lbs., balding blond, greenish eyes, moustache, glasses, healthy HIV+, happy business- and cat-owner. I love music, flowers, racing cars and Point Reyes. Be adventurous, younger, Latino-like qualities, real, free-spirited, driven, employed and please be comfortable with yourself! Let's have some fun discovering if we're truly complementary to each other. Reply BT Box MY111A or call ★★6242.

Long-Haired Rock Musician

Seeks other creative butch types for wild adventure in life and love. I'm 32, 6'2", 175 lbs., in-shape, HIV-, blue eyes, blond with goatee, fair skin. Into music, art, nature and sex. I want to find that special guy to share my enthusiasm for living with. Long hair and muscles a plus. Please, no druggies, drinkers or smokers. Reply BT Box MY112A or call ★★6243.

East Bay Only!

I'm a fair-skinned GWM, HIV-, 6'3", 190 lbs., more forehead than hair, living in Contra Costa. I enjoy spectator sports (football, baseball, etc.), a variety of rock music, I love to travel (going to Germany summer of '94), enjoy movies, dinner out, and being outside. I don't like: people that misrepresent themselves, bars, unsafe sex, cigarette smokers. I am looking for a friend, sex buddy, and perhaps something long-term. If you don't like what I like or want what I want, please don't respond to this ad. Otherwise, reply BT Box MY113A or call ★★6244.

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personality, seeks congenial company for leisurely daytime J/O and 69 sessions. You: trim build, good health, sense of humor, playful/enthusiastic nature. Let's get acquainted over a cup of coffee: if there's a mutual attraction we can spend the afternoon making each other happy. Call ★★6245.

Occasional 3-Way

Out-of-towner is seeking occasional 3-way action in the Bay Area. I'm a GWM, 40, HIV+, tall, handsome, well-hung, German descent, hard body and primarily a bottom. I'm seeking a stable couple who enjoy equal attention and an occasional sizzling 3-way. Only friendship with sex and no threat to the relationship. Reply BT Box MY114A or call ★★6246.

Warm, Frisky And Handsome

Seeks the earthy and robust. If you have a favorite notion and lotion for simple sensual fun—massage, Reiki, cuddling and nuzzling, pec play and strokes of respect—I am 6', smooth and sensual, HIV-, with a great smile and eyes that shine. You're grounded, touch fluent, muscular to very muscular and playful at heart. Laughing eyes a+. Please call ★★6247.

Can You Do Your Own Tool?

I am a 24-year-old, 5'4", 130 lbs., sexy GWM. I am interested in the world of auto-fellatio. If you are between 21-30, sexy, attractive, well-hung, enjoy passionate, hot, sweaty sex and can blow yourself, I wanna hear from you. If you think you can but need encouragement, reply also. Oh hell, just call! Send photo/letter and/or call. Reply BT Box MY115A or call ★★6248.

Asian Seeking GWM For Lover

Handsome GAM wants to find a good-looking GWM, 21-33, for committed relationship. I'm 26 yrs. old, 5'10", 160 lbs., muscular guy, HIV-, cheerful, romantic, great sense of humor, not into bar scene. I'm straight-acting guy. I enjoy outdoors and movies. I want to meet an honest, sincere, romantic person, straight-acting, HIV-, no drugs/heavy drinking and in good shape to share my life please. Call ★★6249.

Cute Portuguese

GWM, 30, 5'8", 145#, moustache, dark br/br, handsome, trim, Mediterranean-looking, moderately hairy, HIV-, smoker, upbeat and down-to-earth, social drink/would prefer same. Looking for a friend/romance/sex. You are a WM, relatively in shape, easy on the eyes. Interests: 49ers, reading, camping, jogging, massage, nights on the town/quiet times at home, two-stepping, cooking/dining out. Enjoy variety in life. Will answer photo/letter with same. Reply BT Box MY116A or call ★★6250.

East Bay S/M Partner

Seeking WM in East Bay to explore S/M activities. Prefer to meet someone (like myself) who has little to no experience, but would like to explore their fantasies. I am 6'1", 220 lbs., very hairy (all over), thinning hair, 31 y.o. Gay, bi, straight guys OK—sex is optional. Also, I can play dominant or submissive roles. Call ★★6251.

Monogamous Bondage Top

Not all men into leather want to lead the slutty life. I've never enjoyed casual sexual encounters and usually avoid them, but I don't meet many men who want a monogamous, long-term relationship involving S/M. If I could pick my perfect mate (and I don't expect to ever meet someone who's perfect for me) he would like the outdoors and camping, enjoy the quiet life and occasional excursions into the fast lane, be clean-cut, masculine, straightish (what does that really mean?), nonsmoker, stocky, solidly built (a construction worker's build, not a bodybuilder), into B&D and light S/M (a very orally fixated bottom); probably with a slight beer belly and a receding hairline. I'm 27, 5'10", 145 lbs., brown hair/goatee, green eyes, dark complexion, HIV-, very open but something of a loner. I live in the East Bay and work in SF, read a lot of sci fi, grow a lot of plants, look for new toys for my cat, and get away to ski or explore the mountains when I can. If I sound compatible, drop me a letter, and don't let the S/M thing bother you—I could be very happy being vanilla with the right guy. Photo appreciated (and returned), but not necessary. Reply BT Box MY117A or call ★★6252.

Lots And Lots Of Smarts

Wants same. Me: early 50s, bottom, tall, kind of thin, in-shape, not muscular. You: younger, possibly top. Me: HIV-. You: probably same. We both yearn for sex-intimacy with another real brainy guy. I'm sweet and shy but articulate and intense. Like hot sex, can be kinky, looking for long-term relationship. Want to talk? Call ★★6253.

Auto-Fellatio

Is the respectable name for sucking your own dick. Can you do it? Want to learn how, or renew your previous skills? In-shape, mid-aged, discreet GWM, former expert practitioner of same, will instruct trainees and/or curious exhibitionists in acquiring proficiency in this delightful perversion. Patience, breathing exercises, physical positions (optional buttplay). This is the ultimate love act: if you can do it, no one will ever turn you down again. Call ★★6254.

Younger/Older

How does a good-looking mid-30s guy meet a good-looking 18-30s guy? No drugs, smoke, etc. How about you? Love, affection, sex, romance, a future? Sounds good to me. Are you slender, cute, lovable and want a nurturing somewhat older man in your life? We should meet! Reply BT Box MY118A with photo please! Or call ★★6255.

I Don't Need To Know

The color of your eyes, how much money you make, your race, the size of your penis, how often you do the gym, the last time you were at a bar, how lonely you are, whether you are a top or a bottom, how much hair is on your head, or how old you are. I'm 35 and sexy; looking for more friends, another fuck-buddy and, if it happens, a relationship. I enjoy serious bike rides, gardening and winging my frisbee. If sex is on your mind, you must have an attractive ass (sorry, I'm shallow) and be HIV+. No wall-to-wall carpet on your back, please. For more information... Call ★★6256.

Hello Hispanic Guys!

If you're a young (18-25), tanned, physically fit, caring Hispanic guy, this attractive, caring WM hopes to meet you for some good times. I'm 29, fit, 5'9", 160#, straight-acting and enjoy movies, dancing, videos, outdoor activities. Like to joke and smile. Live in South Bay, visit SF often. Love Mexican culture and music, learning Spanish. Teach me more! Please, butch only, no drugs. Call ★★6257.

Very Masculine Handsome Top Wanted

For dating, possible relationship. New to area, find it difficult meeting people. I'm 29, very handsome, masculine, affectionate, romantic, br/bl, 5'11", 170#, muscular (nice chest) & sexy. I like to bowl, camping, theater, going to movies or just spending a romantic evening at home with a significant other. Love to kiss! I love Italians, big men, but am open. Sexy photo gets first reply! Reply BT Box MY119A or call ★★6258.

Were You In Washington?

IN spirit at least? The march (shuffle) intensified my longing for someone special in my life. There were so many couples present—and thousands of men who appeared to be single, marching with SF's contingent, and that I'd never seen before. So I know we're out there. We just need to connect. Super nice guy seeks nonsmokers who enjoy arts, politics & travel. So call me. Call ★★6259.

South Bay Dad

Masculine, bearded, good-looking, outdoor type, HIV-, bi, divorced dad with no biological son looking to be adopted by a masculine, hairy, hot, younger dude to enjoy the outdoor pleasures of spring and summer. I will travel for the right son but maybe the "son" shines right in my own South Bay yard. Please send facial photo to Box 722, Campbell 95009 or call ★★6260.

Asking A Lot

E. Bay GWM, author & teacher, seeks another GM of creative bent as intimate friend/lover/partner. We share some of the following interests: music (esp. symphonic, choral, chamber), gardens, books, walking, faith/spirituality (I'm an Episcoplian). I'm 51, 5'7"; gray-blue; close-trimmed beard; quiet, sensuous & affectionate. You're 40-60, stable, mature, accomplished, with affectionate temperament and the gift not to take yourself too seriously. Reply BT Box MY120A or call ★★6261.

Something More

Very attractive 35 y.o., receding brown/blue, 6'1", toned & trim, well-endowed, spiritual GWM, seeks very good-looking (only, please) Latin, Indian, Arab or other brown-skinned guy, 18-35 y.o., on the smooth, muscular, boyish, preppy-ish side, who's masculine yet caring and considerate, for sex, romance, fun and games, &/or something more. Prefer nonsmoker, non-drugger, light-drinker OK. Prefer receiving photo & letter. Reply BT Box MY121A otherwise call ★★6262.

Sperm Donors

30s WM obsessed with sperm seeks donors 4 exchange. Nerdy punk, under 40 men, oral, or, if you look like Christopher Lee call or write. Reply BT Box MY122A or call ★★6263.

Seeking Mature Asian Lover

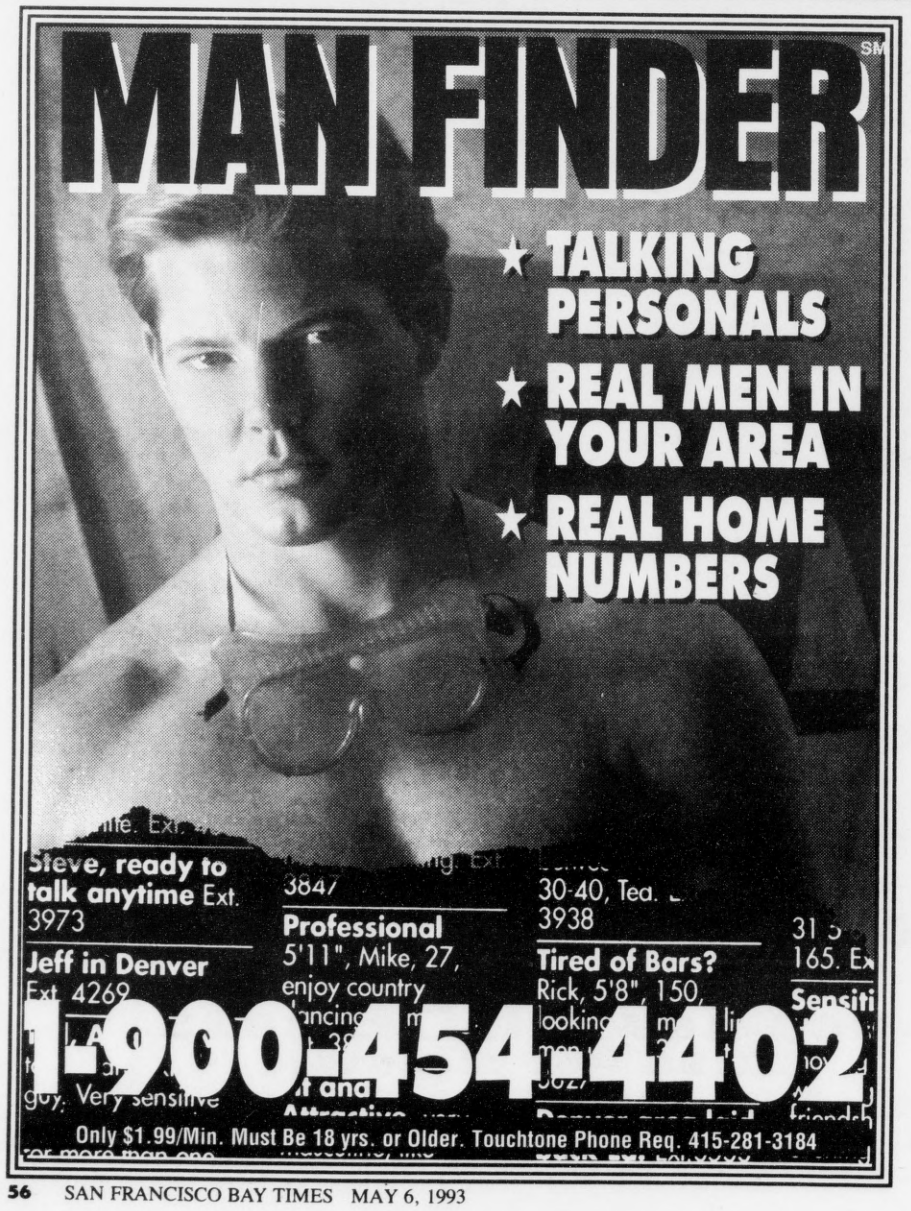
I will be eternally grateful to you if you introduce me to one of your eligible Asian friends and we become lovers! This GWM, 55, looks 45, attractive, professional, warm and caring, with various interests, enjoys a quiet lifestyle, is seeking a gay Asian male, 45 to 55, who wants a loving, long-term relationship to share life's joys and divide life's burdens. I am a nice person with a good heart, and I truly love Asian people. I have lots to offer if you are: slim, HIV-, affectionate/romantic and want to love and be loved. Reply BT Box MY123A.

Want My Buns Tanned

Castro area. Trim GWM, who appreciates dark skin and all-over tans will trade helluva massage for nude sunbathing privacy. Other areas considered weekends. Completely trustworthy. Will reimburse you cost of call. Bi, married, straight responses also welcomed. Other interests, hiking, watersports, bodybuilding, metaphysics, psychic healing and phenomena, redwoods, leather, uniforms, British comedy, travel, cats of all sizes. No age/race hang-ups. PO Box 14594, SF 94114 or call ★★6264.

New To Area, HIV+

Looking for quality friendships. Why is this so hard to find in SF? Some of my qualities are good-looking, affectionate, honest, caring, com-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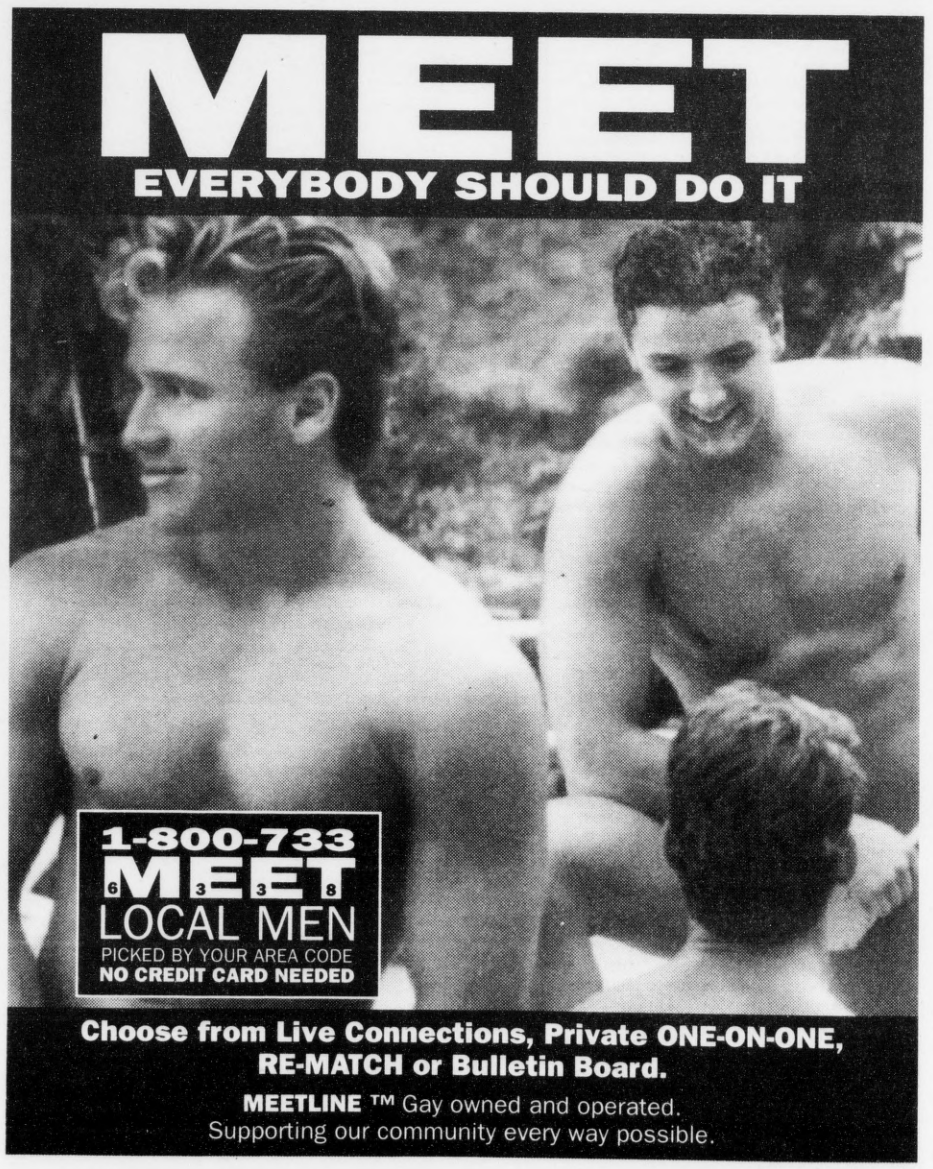
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municative, masculine & fun to be with. I'm also very healthy & plan to stay that way! Some of the things I like to do are bowling, camping, going to movies, theater, good conversation, etc. Prefer letter/photo. let's have some fun in life! Reply BT Box MY124A or call ★★6265.

Straight—Exploring

I would like to meet young, somewhat slim, straight men who would like to chill out in my quiet, modern SF home, sipping a beverage of your choice and watching adult videos of your choice on a large TV screen, perhaps after a sauna or jacuzzi. I'm an older, financially-secure, relaxed, somewhat shy, white man who likes men of all ethnic, educational & class backgrounds. Don't you be shy, too. Call ★★6266.

Middle East, Greek Americans

Greeks and Grecophiles sought by GWM, who gives great massage, to share passion for all things Greek: music, food, language, islands and men. Prefer considerate and nonsmokers. I teach some Greek kai thelo na mathaino perisoteros. Pandrimeni oxi problima. Diakritikos simfonoume. Arithmosmou exioktomia midenepta mia epta potluck. Mou aresei oi ellines para polee. Euxaristo para polee. Brown is beautiful. Reply BT Box MY125A or call ★★6267.

Muscle Fantasy!

Handsome bodybuilder (190, 5'8", GWM) seeks other masculine bodybuilders for mutual bodyworship, massage, sex. Prefer guys 200 lbs. plus, Italian, Latin, Black, white, 23-40 yrs. old. Photo gets mine! Let's have fun! Reply BT Box MY126A or call ★★6268.

GWM, 43, Unusually Funny, Unusually Kind

6'2", returns phone calls, cleanshaven, not a "professional." My friends say I'm good-looking, but that's why they're my friends. I don't use alcohol, drugs, smoke. I will do what I say I'm going to. I will not make fun of you. I've spent my time in the arts (made a small film, cut a record). I am not into two-steppin', the Gay Men's Chorus, most country music and opera, big dogs or children. I don't care what kind of car you drive or if you have one. I love new rock 'n roll that sounds like old rock 'n roll. I do not have a stick up my ass. I can be monogamous. I own 2,500 records and tapes. Call ★★6269.

Quester

Attractive, healthy, 39-year-old ready for adventure. Looking to share journey through familiar and unknown territories. I'm equipped with optimism, courage, humor and a respectful awe of nature. The rewards could include a lasting friendship in the least, a shared oneness at best. If you are interested or just curious, call or write. Reply BT Box MY127A or call ★★6270.

Absolut Bottom

Seeks definite top for safe, fun times. QWM, 28, shaved brown skull, blue eyeballs, 150 lbs., is lookin' for a non-straight-acting, hot kissin', booty bumpin' guy, 25 to 35, with a heart of gold, a cock of steel and a mind of one's own. Call or write today! Reply BT Box MY128A or call ★★6271.

Marin/Sonoma County!

Looking for slim, smooth, healthy, young (18-30) guy for discreet day or weeknight fun. I'm 30 and all of the above. Call ★★6272.

Hi There!

This earthy, masculine, reliable, NS/ND/HIV-, retired remodeling contractor wants to share mind, body and soul with another retired man. We're both "out" and at ease with being gay. We favor a simple, basic lifestyle accentuating values of the heart and spirit over materialism and consumption. I'm healthy, active, involved in community affairs. Let's explore what might happen between us. Reply BT Box MY129A or call ★★6273.

Looking For Love & Friendship

I want to meet a sexy, muscular man who is interested in the idea of a monogamous LTR. I am a great catch: handsome, nice body, many interests, lots of free time, healthy HIV+. I know how to appreciate someone special when the feeling is mutual. Please ND, NS. Reply BT Box MY130A or call ★★6274.

No Cheap Thrills!!!

Very masculine, warm and sensitive guy is seeking others who can appreciate both romance and adventure. I'm 32, 6'1", 160 pounds, blond hair and blue eyes. A good-looking guy next door type who appreciates affection, closeness and sharing of both feelings and experiences. I'm into guys who are between 22 and 30. Slim and smooth types are a big plus! I'm ready for a new adventure in my life—are you? Reply BT Box MY131A or call ★★6275.

Older Seeks Younger

I am 54 years old. GWM, average looks, emotionally stable, financially sound, San Francisco homeowner. You are early-20s to late-30s. We are both HIV-, free of tobacco, alcohol and drugs, intelligent, responsible, caring, have a sense of humor, love pets, are homebodies and are looking for a long-term relationship. Let's meet and see if we click. Reply BT Box MY132A or call ★★6276.

Fun-Loving Guy Seeks Adventurous Type W/Big Heart

Time to grab the world by the seat of the pants & live it w/the type of guy you are—someone who thinks life is great and yearns for challenges and cool adventures; someone who loves to play—travel, biking, hiking, gym stuff, films; someone who loves to grow through the arts, concerts, books; someone who loves shared times w/special friends & a soulmate. You: 27-33, GWM, HIV-, NS/ND, college, monogamous, relationship-oriented. Me: GWM, 6', 165, BB, 30, college, big smile, cute, sense of humor. Your picture gets mine! No voicemail. Reply BT Box MY133A.

Slow Dance For Two

To slow things down, write a letter demonstrating some of your humor and intelligence, and please include a recent photo. I want to meet a few good men for a possible pair off in monogamy, communicating and caring. Prefer sexual flexibility as that, in my mind, can be an avenue to deep (no pun intended) communion. Me, well, sometimes I'm not certain whether glances I get are because I'm so cute or so tall (6'6"). Besides wanting the most gorgeous tall man on the planet, I'd like to share my love of classical music (my work), or at least be with someone who embraces that and has an artistic interest of his own. Stats: med. build; very young 47; some gym tone (and workin' on more); blnd/blue eyes; HIV-; very light, unobtrusive smoker; no drugs; light alcohol. I also enjoy hiking/camping, photography, jazz, a little country swing dancin'. And although I'm especially attracted to Asians and Italians, the right man won't necessarily be either. It's the total person that counts for me. Address on voicemail. Call ★★6277.

Leaving The Country

In one month. Beautiful tragic boy seeks beautiful tragic fling. No twinkies. Reply BT Box MY134A or call ★★6278.

Carpenter/Handyman Wanted

Tall, blond professional seeks to meet carpenter/handyman type who is relationship-oriented and interested in remodeling an old San Francisco house. Let's work together to make our home our castle. My other interests include movies, travel and the outdoors. Curious? Call ★★6279 or write: PO Box 1062, Daly City 94017-1062.

Graduate Student

... Who's sincere, warm and articulate. Enjoys film, long dinners and going to the City. Dislikes pretention, testosterone poisoning and always having to do the dishes promptly. Open to 25-35 gay males, HIV-, cleanshaven. I am a cute and engaging, 28-year-old Asian. Have many devoted friends, looking for something more. PO Box 9711, Palo Alto 94309. Photos will be returned. Or call ★★6280.

Bear Hunting Explained

Deep in the concrete caverns of SF is where you might find him: Papa Bear. Cinammon brown with a grizzly black and silver beard; a burly 5'8½", 200# critter in his late-30s. But no wild beast is he, for he has been seen where the cultured ones gather: theaters, galleries, bookstores and Tower (especially the jazz, techno and musicals sections). Or he may be happily wandering in the tall timber country, combing the beach at Monterey or Maui. The smooth-bodied young hunter, 18-35, is advised to be compassionate in manner, articulate in intellect with a sense of humor to match. The hunt is on and it's not duck season or "wabbit" season—it's bear season! Reply BT Box MY135A or call ★★6281.

Spank Your Butt

Hot, masculine top, 34, good build, seeks other in-shape guys with a nice round butt that needs to be put over my knee for a good old-fashioned spanking. Also into role-playing and safe hot sex. Reply with photo to PO Box 14581, SF 94114 or call ★★6282.

Are You Man Enough

All I want to be happy is a handsome, well-built man that can be gentle at times and cocky/arrogant at other times. I'd like to meet a guy that enjoys hours of attention on his crotch, body massages and our energy focused on his needs. No reciprocation wanted. No anal sex. I get off catering to him. Weight proportionate, flat bellies only. Me: handsome, Latin, 32, good listener, will travel. You: hot body, handsome, clean and creative/nasty. Send letter/photo to: Occupant, PO Box 8522, Santa Rosa 95407 or call ★★6283.

In Spring A Man's Fancy Turns...

To thoughts of hot bondage boys. Good-looking, perverted top, 34, dark hair/eyes/goatee, couldn't care less about dead animal skin, but am absolutely queer for bumptious butt brats, ravenous rope rangers, and big butch studs who wish everyone would stop assuming they were tops. Credit given for spirited begging and other oral skills. Looking for honorable bottom energy, not passivity. (Selfish little bottoms with hands congenitally glued to their sides need not apply.) You should be durable, extremely respectful, and cute as a whip. Novices considered; dabblers are sternly discouraged. Call ★★6284.

Let's Go Bicycling

I ride almost every day and am tired of going alone. Let's ride and see where it may or may not go. Don't be intimidated, you'll be setting the pace. I am 32 (friends say I look 27), 6'3", 175#, brown curly hair and blue eyes. I am tanned and attracted to younger, clean-cut guys with no receding hair. My dates are usually cleanshaven, HIV-, like I am. I enjoy having fun, and get stressed when life gets too serious. Cats make me itch and puppies make me smile. Not that any of this matters as we are just going for a bike ride. Call ★★6285.

Masculine, Muscular Man

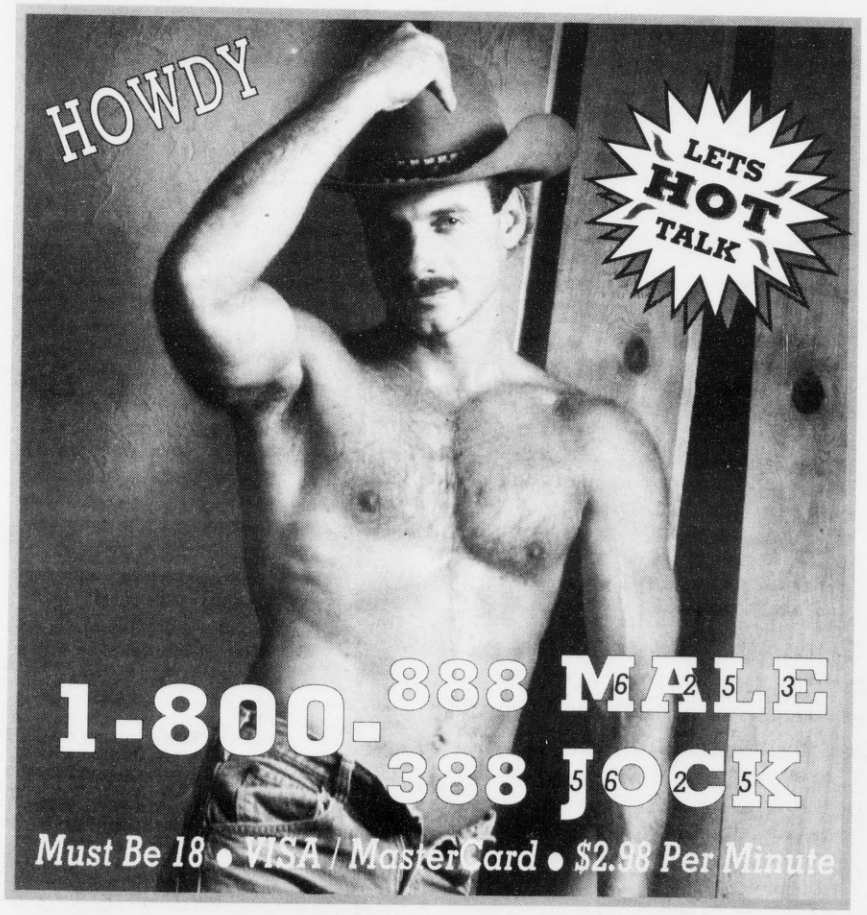
Handsome, clean-cut, prof., 30, 180 lbs., 6', NS, ND, HIV-. I'm looking for a GWM, 25-35, who enjoys beach, brunch, running, gym workouts and everything else SF has to offer. Together we have a great sense of humor, honesty, trust, romance, monogamy and enjoy life. If you are a man with similar interests and wants to build a relationship with a real man reply BT Box MY136A or call ★★6286.

Love Heals

At 43 I know faith cures & love heals. GWM, 5'11", 210 lbs., teddy bear type, friend of Bill W./spiritual seeker, HIV-, seeks LTR with other big, strong man—all welcome. We can give each other strength & comfort to face each day. Call ★★6287.

Triple A

Available Asian American, 40s, 5'7", 140, HIV-, good-looking, very youthful in appearance and attitude, fit and in-shape looking for G/Bi male, any race, for that special friend and perhaps lover or something in-between, should it develop that way. Am stable, sensible, happy, even-tempered, caring, friendly, with a good heart, a great smile and many surprises. You are an attractive, healthy guy, under 50, with an open mind and a few good laughs to share life with. So don't wait



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Asian male, 28, 5'7", 145, very handsome, athletic, professional, analytical, inquisitive, curious in nature with many contrasts. Understated & multicultural. Values integrity, humor, personal evolution and strength of character. Enjoys stimulating conversations, politics, culture, people in general, karaoke, the outdoors, volleyball, working out, cheap dates, movies, theaters, gay events, thrift shops, cafes, psychology and sharing part of your world. A lot to be thankful for... now seeking others like myself. You are GWM, under 36 y.o., in-shape, HIV-, attractive & honest. Chemistry & mutual interest is essential, but we won't know if you don't call. Life's too short to go at it alone. Call ★★6289.

Bodybuilder Fantasies

Handsome GWM, 30, 5'8", 140 lean, defined pounds, seeks bodybuilders (especially Asian/Latin) into muscle/strength showoff scenes. You like pumping up, oil, mirrors, flexing, having your muscles worshipped. You enjoy having me feel your strength as we wrestle. After you've finished showing off, I'll give you a great massage. Please send letter with revealing photo and you will receive the same. Reply BT Box MY137A or call ★★6290.

Euro-American Male

An independent thinker with a good sense of humor and a curiosity about the world. I'm looking for a sexy (slim, dark-haired, 40s), healthy companion with intellectual substance, moral integrity and heart to share laughter and good times. I enjoy the pleasures of music, food and conversation. Interests include film, literature, art, history, metaphysics. No smoking, drinking or drugs. Box 14022, SF 94114 or call ★★6291.

S/M Relationships

Would like to start a social-support group for people involved in ongoing S/M relationships of a permanent lifestyle. Daddies, masters, boys, slaves—get together to share common concerns and interact in a supportive network. Share good ideas, give tips, share philosophy, give help/get help. Social functions and hang out together. Long-timers, or new to lifestyle OK. Work to make it work. R., PO Box 14843, SF 94114 or call ★★6292.

East Bay Or North Bay Only

32 y.o. GWM, 6', 220#, brn/brn, hairy, HIV-, NS/ND, looking to meet other men similar in age and size. I like the outdoors, cooking, dining out, movies, animals, dancing and hot sex with masculine men. Please be sincere and HIV-; smooth and blond a plus. Leave me a voicemail message or write to my box. All replies will be answered. Reply BT Box MY138A or call ★★6293.

Masculine Italian

6'2", dark hair & eyes, husky build, 40s, moustache & hairy chest. Happy & healthy HIV+. Considered good-looking & fun-loving. Smoker & light drinker. Down-to-earth. Independent & successful. Am attracted to good-looking, slim, masculine, easygoing guys, who are happy, tolerant, sincere, versatile & possibly romantic. Some of my interests include traveling, carpentry, movies, music, dining out, reading, socializing, gardening & new adventures. Call ★★6294.

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IT'S SIMPLE AND FREE!! You'll automatically get a free voice mail box with your personal ad unless you check the box below. You'll receive a letter from us with your Call Star extension and your secret password, as well as detailed instructions on how to use the system. Remember: recording your greeting and retrieving your messages are **FREE.**

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BT REPLY BOX MAIL PICK-UP: You may pick up your mail Monday through Friday from 1-6pm. If you do not have your own P.O. Box, you must get a BT mail box. Feel free to call us during the regular pick-up hours to find out if you have mail, and please limit your calls to these hours! *You must bring picture I.D. to pick up your mail at the office.*

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*** Dad Seeks Hot Son**

Late-40s dad—quietly hot, affectionate, stable, strict disciplinarian, HIV-, tall, 190#, crewcut/balding, cleanshaven, hairy chest. Need dedicated, slim, nonsmoking, HIV-, well-hung son, 25-30, who's self-supporting and into cocksucking, butt-fucking and loyally serving his dad in live-together monogamy. Must want to build comfortable, masculine, home-centered relationship. Reply BT Box MY139A or call ★★6295.

Young, Looking For Something More? Read On...

Are you a young (20s-30s), responsible, GWM bottom, looking for a stable, mature GWM to talk to, confide in? Are you tired of bars and want something more? Can you handle the "C" word? If the idea of spending quality time with a caring 40-yr-old top appeals to you, then let's talk. I'm NS/ND and prefer the same. East Bay preferred. Reply BT Box MY140A or call ★★6296.

Sucking Asian/Latino Cocks

Is as good as it gets and I can't get enough! You: AM/LM/WM, under 45, trim, HIV-, who just wants to kick back, maybe watch a video and get a good blowjob! No reciprocation expected—I just want to suck you off! Me: good-looking, fit and healthy, 48 y.o. WM. I'm good and eager to give you the attention you deserve! Call ★★6297.

Tall, Romantic Nature-Lover Seeks Life Mate

Someone who lives alone, a homebody and, like myself, is very affectionate, sensitive, passionate, intuitive, playful, easygoing, thoughtful, supportive, generous, communicative, a good listener, growth-oriented and open to deep emotional intimacy. I'm 6'2", 180 lbs. of lean, muscular, hairy, handsome, masculine sensuality with deep-set, sexy blue eyes, goatee, real short hair and long, talented tongue. I have a weakness for tight-bodied, boyish topmen, any age (I like facial hair), but your heart's essence is paramount. Interests: hiking, camping, biking, gardening, pets, holistic healing, yoga, meditation, soothing music, movies, cable, simple homecooked meals, cuddling, nurturing massage exchange, humor and love. Shy, yet articulate optimistic loners encouraged. Please be candid and descriptive: PO Box 3556, Berkeley 94703-0556 or call ★★6298.

Open Heart

GWM, 27, 170 lbs., 5'10", Italian, athletic and in-shape, bl/br, HIV-, seeking spiritual partnership with another gay man. I love working out, hiking, singing, running, bicycling, dancing, theater, engaged Buddhism and loving all there is to love. I am playful and childlike as well as wise. I'm seeking monogamy with a man of similar sensibilities. Open your heart. Reply BT Box MY141A or call ★★6299.

It's Not Unusual

For two professional men to establish comfortable home, diverse friends, upscale lifestyle with traditional values, tempered with liberal outlook. Mature, unflappable, young enough to almost still believe in Santa Claus. We work in tandem in garden, kitchen, community—and horizontally. Both educated, traveled, intelligent, good-humored. I'm 5'9", 160, 40s, blond, oral, nipple fancier, HIV+, smoker; you're probably 30s, shorter, relationship-oriented, seeking partnership. Let's start on the pillows. Call ★★6300.

Tantra Buddy

Studying Tantra? Considering male Tantrika to explore your male energy with? Me too. Age/race/lingam dimensions unimportant; compatibility/compassion/curiosity count. Not just a sex ad. Deep physical intimacy, spiritual development, self-control achievable through harnessing our sexual energy. Ultimate sex-buddies: ultimate safe sex. North Bay preferred or split travel. Viruses negotiable (I'm negative). Bi-curious or straight (I'm not) negotiable. There are many levels of intimacy to explore. Box 4307, Napa 94558 or call ★★6301.

Let Your Mind Go...

You: (This is flexible—after all, it's only what I think I want) East Coast, Jewish/Italian, (mostly) smooth, stunningly beautiful (with character), articulate and you realize that you're interconnected with everything and everyone and you like it that way. You're not arrogant, self-important or scared of people who care about you. Rich would be nice (though definitely not essential) as long as you didn't get that way in some workaholic, corporate way. (A lay-about Lotto winner would be nice.) You know—you should be perfect. Me: definitely not perfect. Italian/mongrel Jersey boy, 6-foot-2, 220# of (mostly) muscle, totally in love with living here and now, amazed at how wondrous everything is. Of course I hide that under a (sometimes) witty New York crust, but I'm always growing in a California direction. I have no patience for stupidity, games or meaningless sex and I'm not shy about expressing myself (read: sometimes obnoxious and tactless). My life has been really blessed, but I've had no one to share it with. That's the one thing I regret (that, and the resurgence of bell bottoms). If you saw *L.A. Story*, you know what I'm looking for (who isn't?). If you think it's all possible, write to BT Box MY142A or call ★★6302.

Some People Confuse Me With Keanu Reeves

Of course "some people" are usually blind, nearsighted or just plain confused. But I am a handsome, masculine, prof., GWM who wants to meet other guys interested in dating and the prospect of a monogamous relationship. Me: HIV-, 29 y.o., 6', 160#, red/brown, cleanshaven, enjoy hiking, running, time outdoors, reading, vigorous discussions, and time spent with friends. I'm traditional but with a slight Bohemian edge. You're: humorous, NS and ? Call ★★6303.

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How many of my friends have died? I don't even know anymore. It seems like I've lost half my phone book. And when I tested negative, I felt like I had betrayed my friends, like I was better or smarter than them. Maybe that's why I didn't "play safely" that night—that way the test wouldn't mean anything.

So what am I trying to prove? That I belong? That it's got to happen someday, so why fight it? It's too much to deal with. And nobody I know even wants to talk about it.

We want to talk about it.
Call us. Get tested.